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Berkshire Power Denied Permit For Smokestack By Appeals Board

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a split decision, the Zoning Board of Appeals denied a special permit to allow Berkshire Power to build a \$180 million, 250 megawatt power plant in the Agawam Industrial Park on Moylan Lane.

With a vote of 2-1 in favor of granting a special permit to allow structures in excess of the 40-foot limit prescribed by the town's zoning code, the ZBA denied Berkshire Power's petition to construct a gas-fired power plant in Agawam.

Petitions seeking relief from the town's 40-foot height limit require a unanimous vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As part of the two-year-long permitting process before state and local agencies, Berkshire Power had been seeking relief from town zoning ordinances for buildings and appurtenant structures in excess of the 40-foot height limit.

ZBA Chairman Ronald Hebert and member Doreen Prouty had been willing to grant the special permit subject to conditions tailored to address concerns expressed by neighboring businesses and residences, but member Raymond Gendron said he was convinced that the number of conditions necessary to mitigate impacts on the neighborhood proved the site was not appropriate for a power plant.

Hebert said the board would render a written majority and minority report by the January 8th deadline, and Berkshire Power would have 20 days to appeal the board's decision in Hampden County Housing Court or Superior Court.

Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said the ZBA decision was a "bump on the road"

in the power plant's permitting process, adding, "We are encouraged that two members of the ZBA saw fit to find in our favor."

O'Reilly said Berkshire Power was not looking at other sites for their power project and remained confident that the project would ultimately be permitted in Agawam.

In a prepared statement, Berkshire Power said it would wait for the ZBA's written statement "before deciding what our next course of action will be. In the meantime, we will continue with the state permitting process."

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Nancy Thompson & Jill Simpson To Lead Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For the first time in Agawam's history, the Town Council has elected two women to serve in its top leadership positions.

After being sworn into office by Town Clerk Richard Theroux, the new council returned Nancy Thompson as president and elected Jill Simpson as vice-president.

In accordance with council rules, Councilor David Skolnick presided over the election as the council's oldest member at the Tuesday, January 2nd meeting.

Taking the chair as the presiding officer, Skolnick said, "If you live long enough, you will have a chance to be at the podium. Six is the magic number tonight to be elected as council president."

On the fifth ballot, Councilor Thompson received the required number of votes for election as the council's president for a one-year term.

On the first four ballots, the council was split with a vote of five for Ms. Thompson, two for newcomer Dennis Perry, and one councilor voting present. Weighing in for Ms. Thompson were councilors George Bitzas, Jill Simpson, Christian Quatrone, Skolnick, and Ms. Thompson.

Voting for newcomer Dennis Perry were newly-elected councilors Kent Servis and Dennis Perry. Councilor Joseph Langone voted present.

Councilors Edward Caba, Thomas Ennis, and Gary Suffriti were absent.

Richard Theroux said he would contact councilors Caba, Ennis, and Suffriti to arrange for them to be sworn into office at their convenience.

Throughout the balloting, first-term Councilor Langone voted present, refusing to throw his support to either candidate.

A Change Of Votes On The Fifth Ballot

On the fifth ballot, Perry and Servis changed their votes to give Ms. Thompson her second year in the council's top slot. Langone refused to make the vote unanimous and maintained his vote of present.

David Howe Retires After Many Years As Carrier For Agawam Post Office

The retirement of David Howe will mean an end to a long tradition at the Agawam Post Office.

David is the last carrier to have worked at the original Agawam Post Office, which was located behind what is now the Agawam Public Market. He is also the last of the Agawam Post Office employees to have worked for Mrs. Brady, the city's first postmaster.

Before carrying the route that he carried for the last 20 years, he was the parcel post delivery man for all of Agawam. Much of his last route was

where, as a young boy, he delivered newspapers.

His fellow employees will miss his quick wit, his generosity, and his devotion to them and to the Postal Service. His love for the Postal Service was probably passed down from his grandfather, who worked for the Postal Service into his seventies.

Davey retires knowing that he did a good job and that he will be missed by all. May God grant him many years of good health, happiness, and joy.



LONGTIME AGAWAM POST OFFICE CARRIER David Howe is pictured with his wife, Lillian (left) on his last day on the job. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Howe receives a gift from fellow letter carrier Paul Koretz. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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APPEALS BOARD - from Page 1...**BP To Continue The Permitting Process...**

O'Reilly said Berkshire Power will continue the permitting process at the state Energy Facility Siting Board, which will address many of the same issues that were brought before the ZBA.

"Opponents of the Berkshire Power Project have chosen not to present a case in the one arena which would include the cross examination of their witnesses," O'Reilly said.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who has been a staunch supporter of the plan to build a power plant on the 40-acre site, refused comment on the ZBA's decision on Tuesday night.

"I have no comment until I see the (ZBA's) deci-

sion in writing," Johnson said. "I wasn't present at their meeting, and I can't comment until I see their decision."

Resident Kenneth Forni, spokesman for the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) opposing the power plant, said his group considered the ZBA's decision as "half-time" in their fight against the project. Forni said his group planned to continue their opposition of the power plant until Berkshire Power announced their intention to find an alternate site outside Agawam.

Forni said there were no conditions the ZBA could put on a special permit for the power plant at the location on Moylan Lane that would satisfy the CCBA.

In a prepared statement, CCBA thanked the ZBA for their hard work leading to their decision to deny the special permit.

In part, the statement reads, "Now the onus switches to Berkshire Power. Berkshire Power has said from the beginning 'We will not go where we're not wanted.' By our zoning laws, Berkshire Power is not wanted in Agawam. If they intend to take legal action against our town, then they have not been truthful to the residents of Agawam from the outset."

O'Reilly said Berkshire Power had not made a decision on whether to go ahead with a court challenge to the ZBA decision.

LEADERSHIP - from Page 1...

Langone said his refusal to support Ms. Thompson's bid for the presidency was not personal, but was based on the issues of his campaign for a council seat.

"I think Ms. Thompson is a fine person and a very good councilor, but voting for her as president would send the wrong message to the people who voted for me in the election," Langone said.

Langone said he disagreed so strongly with Ms. Thompson's position on a referendum on the Berkshire Power plan to build a 250 megawatt power plant in the industrial park on Shoemaker Lane, that he was unable to support her as a candidate for council president.

"It's such a hot issue with people feeling so strongly that I couldn't see caving in on it," Langone said. "I want to be consistent with my positions on the council."

Ms. Thompson said she was looking forward to working with the new council and pledged to do as professional a job as she had been doing as the council's president.

"It's certainly going to be different with four new faces on the council," Ms. Thompson said. "Berkshire Power is still going to be an issue along with the completion of the fire station, the controversy over the Tennis Road parcel (proposed for development as a shopping mall), the need for a new DPW garage, the library expansion, and the day-to-day needs of Agawam."



COUNCIL PRESIDENT NANCY THOMPSON

Ms. Thompson said she views her role as the council president as the glue that holds the council together and as the council's parliamentarian to keep order and to keep the council's business moving forward.

Council Leadership Reflects Change In Society

With the unanimous election of Mrs. Simpson as her second-in-command, Ms. Thompson said the makeup of the council's leadership was reflective of the change in society as women take on more leadership roles.

"We both care about the community," Ms. Thompson said. "I am the mother of children who have gone through the education system, and Jill is the mother of young children. On a personal level, we both represent a large segment of the population. I'm hoping our success encourages women to become more politically active."

Embarking on his fourth term as a councilor, George Bitzas called for unity and cooperation between the council and the town's administrative offices.

"I believe we should all work together for the betterment of the town and to serve the best interests of the people of Agawam," Bitzas said.

Bitzas said he hoped (council newcomer) Perry would not be discouraged by failing to be elected to the council presidency on his first try.

"I encourage him to try next year," Bitzas said. "A change in leadership is healthy for the council."

Bitzas said he had been unaware that Perry was a candidate for the council presidency until moments before the vote was taken, and he had already pledged his support to Ms. Thompson.

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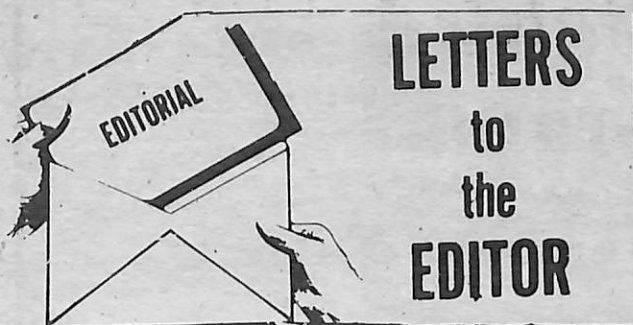
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AAN Thanked By The Agawam Beautification Comm.

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Agawam Beautification Committee, George Bitzas and I want to thank AAN publisher Richard Sardella, photographer Jack Devine, and the rest of the staff for their very excellent help and cooperation during this past year.

A special thanks to News Editor Kathy Cassanelli for the piece she did in the December 21, 1995 issue - "Owner of Parthenon ... Christmas Lights." She produced a very professional and exceptionally complete and insightful summary of what we are trying to do in the community.

Best wishes for the new year!

John R. Zebryk
Agawam Beautification Committee

Local Vendors Thanked For Helping With Christmas Party

To The Editor:

The Agawam VFW, Post 1632, in conjunction with its Ladies' Auxiliary, would like to thank these local vendors - Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, Hood, and Topper's Ice Cream - for helping to make this year's Children's Christmas party a huge success.

A special thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with each of the children. Thanks again to all of those who helped this year; we couldn't have done it without you!

Lisa Roy
President, Ladies' Auxiliary

Will Board Of Appeals Show Courage On January 8th?

To The Editor:

The Board of Appeals will make their ruling on the power plant on January 8th. One can only hope that they will take a long, hard look at this project from the beginning.

How did it begin? A consortium from Boston, which is a partnership of very wealthy people, found that they could become even wealthier if they could get a power plant built somewhere.

They all sat down together to plan their strategy. First of all they had to make up a name, and decided to call themselves Berkshire Power. Then they needed to hire a couple of pitchmen, so they hired Kevin O'Reilly (formerly of Casino Magic) and Ken Roberts.

Now, they had to go fishing for a place to put the power plant. The bait they put on the hook wasn't worms, it was money. When they went out to look at their catch, they could hardly believe what they saw for they had caught the perfect place for their power plant. Tennessee Gas was just down the road, powerlines running all over the place, and millions of gallons of drinking water to use.

Once they found this perfect site in Agawam and funded with six-million dollars by the consortium to bribe us, they have used every trick they can think of to beat us into accepting this unneeded, chemical-spewing, water-wasting power plant.

When Ken Roberts, on the Dan Yorke radio program about the power plant, said, "We've got six-million dollars and we're going to get it." I doubted what he said. However, they managed to keep the question on the power plant off the ballot.

Then the Conservation Committee agreed it was all right to dump more chemicals into our already polluted air, use a million or more gallons daily of our drinking water, and destroy the wildlife that live on these 40 acres. Then the Planning Board agreed that it was all right to put this power plant in with all the homes and businesses in this area.

Will the Board of Appeals, having looked at the whole picture, have the courage to say, "The Mayor was wrong when he invited these people here, the Conservation Committee was wrong when they approved it, and the Planning Board was wrong when they agreed to put this power plant here."? We will have to wait until January 8th for our answer.

Sincerely,
Mary Ghedi
117 Doane Avenue
Agawam

Middle School Pupil Speaks Out About Power Plant

To The Editor:

Do you think we need the power plant? That is probably the question that is on everyone's mind. I personally think, as an ineligible voter, "NO!" If we allow the power plant to be built, we must think about all the problems it may cause. People could get sick.

Where are the smoke stacks going to empty the smoke? The air! But the supporters of the plant say it will be so high up, nothing will happen.

Do you wonder if the Town Councilors, Mayor Johnson, and people who support it ever thought about the smoke blackening out other parts of Massachusetts? It is possible.

Bondi's Island! That's what our town is going to be like if we get this power plant. Many people know what it is like near Bondi's Island; smelly, trashy, hazardous to our health.

I'm positive the people of Agawam do not want our nice suburban town turning into another Springfield. This line I address to the our town fathers - Let the people of Agawam vote.

In closing, I leave you a thought to ponder; isn't the town fine without it?

Andy Korney
Middle School student

The Constitution Was Once A Part Of Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

Maybe the Berkshire Power and Council has the answer to my water bill riddle for me? I was told that Berkshire Power will use more water than me?

On March 2, 1994, the City or Town of Agawam under color of law took from me 35 pigs, two ponies, 15 sheep, six goats, 40 roosters, 30 laying chickens, 26 ducks, 29 geese, and two dogs. Those animals all used water.

The water department, along with Councilors Thompson, Bitzas, Caba, Suffriti, Ennis, Skolnick, Taylor, and Simpson, just ignore or do nothing about my water bill now that I am out of the livestock business.

The Constitution was what the City or Town of Agawam was once a part of? What happened to the Constitution or oath those people took? Could anyone tell me?

Sincerely (without prejudice),
Charles Avezzie
204 South Street
Agawam

Govt. Shouldn't Mortgage Future Of Our Young People

To The Editor:

Senior citizens, relax! The Republicans are in Congress and all's well. If you end up in a nursing home and can't pay your expenses, your kids will now have to.

But I'm confused. I thought the whole thing about balancing the budget was not to mortgage the future of our young people.

Is there a problem here in inconsistency, or an inability to make up their mind?

One thing they have made up their mind about is that to balance the budget, they are not going to give up their \$100,000-plus retirements, million-dollar accrued colas, five-year investment retirement qualification, and other possible hidden benefits.

If there is a hyperbole for hypocrisy right now, it's spelled R-E-P-U-B-L-I-C-A-N.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Colburn
72 Beekman Drive
Agawam

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, January 11, 1996 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Riverside Park for property located at 1623 Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Agawam Police Chief Delighted With Over \$250,000 In Grants

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam has received \$49,164 as its share of the federally funded C.O.P.S. M.O.R.E. effort to put added police officers on the streets.

Agawam Police Chief Robert D. Campbell said the funding will allow the department to have 24-hour civilian coverage of the dispatch desk, thereby freeing up a uniformed officer for street assignment.

"With this grant we'll be able to totally civilianize the dispatch responsibility for Police Department, Fire Department, E911 calls," Campbell said. "On days without civilian coverage, we used to pull an officer from street duty."

Campbell said the money will cover 75 percent of the cost of a civilian dispatcher for three years. As a condition of accepting the grant, the town has agreed to cover the remaining 25 percent of the cost of civilianizing the dispatch operation.

"I'll be talking to the Mayor to work out the logistics of the funding," Campbell said. "We made a commitment to find the funding when applying for the grant."

Campbell credited James Shaer, an Agawam resident and aide to U.S. Senator John Kerry, for helping the town in an extremely competitive grant process.

"It was great to have the senator's aide be someone from Agawam," Campbell said. "We dealt directly with Jim Shaer and it was great to have that kind of help in getting through the paperwork."

The grant is the latest in a series of successful grant-writing efforts undertaken by Campbell in the 18 months since he began his tenure as police chief. To date, Campbell has attracted over \$250,000 in state and federal grants to Agawam. Locally, Campbell received the financial support of business owners to launch a bike patrol as part of the department's community policing program.

With D.A.R.E. grants, Campbell has conducted programs and workshops on cultural awareness, gang identification and suppression, communications and conflict resolution skills, community policing, and team building and problem-solving.

D.A.R.E. funds also provided for a smoking-cessation workshop and allowed for the purchase of additional equipment for the computer system.

The Issue Of Gang Suppression...

Based on the idea that gang suppression efforts in large cities would cause displacement of gang activities to surrounding towns, Campbell was successful in obtaining \$7,050 from the state. The funds were used for overtime to fund a gang suppression unit to operate in Agawam when large-scale operations aimed at gang activity are underway in the cities.

Campbell said the unit has been successful as a deterrent in the Meadow Street, Main Street, and River Road apartment complexes as well as in the North Agawam and Food Mart Plaza.

Campbell said the community policing grant of \$19,957 was successful partly due to the public support of the bike patrol program. With \$3,030 in donations from local businesses and civic organizations as seed money for the bike patrol, the grant has made it possible for a bike patrol during good weather and an officer assigned to "Park and Walk" during the winter when the bikes are not in use.

These officers have been focusing their efforts on shopping centers and elderly housing projects. The program will be expanded in the spring, Campbell said.

With \$31,365 from the state Executive Office of Public Safety, Campbell purchased bullet-resistant vests for every full- and part-time officer at no cost to the officers or the town.

Funds from a Highway Safety Grant have made it possible for the police to videotape police encounters, particularly when dealing with drunk drivers. Campbell said video cameras have been installed in two cruisers at a cost of \$7,908.

Campbell credited his staff, particularly Lieutenant William Sliech, Lieutenant Gary Nardi, and Sergeant Steven Draghetti, for playing an important role in the success of the grant applications. These officers helped prepare the applications in their areas of responsibility, Campbell said.



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL (left) and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson display new bullet proof vests with Police Officers Karen Langevin and Sergeant Steven Draghetti that were obtained through a grants program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Obituaries

Joseph P. Ennis

Joseph P. Ennis, 70, of 76 Dwight Road, Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital.

He worked for American Saw for the past 23 years.

Born in Tullamore, County Offaly, Ireland, he grew up in Springfield, where he graduated from Cathedral High School. He then lived in Agawam and Westfield before returning to Springfield eight years ago. Although he lived locally most of his life, Ireland was always close to his heart, and he cherished his yearly visits there.

He was a proud Army veteran of World War II, where he served overseas in central Europe in the European Theater of Operations for 24 months. He was attached to Company C of the 359th Infantry regiment as a military policeman. He helped to enforce military regulation, maintain order, and control traffic.

He worked on the town patrol assisting civilian police in making military personnel comply with the civil laws. He also worked on the road patrol arresting violators of military traffic laws. He acted as a guard at the entrance to a military camp checking vehicles, passes, and identification.

He received the American Theater Campaign Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon. During his service, he collected World War II memorabilia, much of which he donated to the Jewish Community Center in Springfield.

He is survived by two daughters, Patricia A. Hobaica of Agawam and Kathleen B. Gardner of Wilbraham; a brother, John Ennis of Westfield; a sister, Brigid M. Ennis of Chicopee; three grandchildren; and his former wife, Delores C. (Devine) Ennis of West Springfield.

Funeral services were held at the Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow, 220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, followed by a mass in Holy Name Church in Springfield. Burial followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Nellie E. Davis

Nellie E. Davis of 52 North Street, Agawam, a retired receptionist for the former Dorset Beauty Salon in Springfield, died at home.

Born in Agawam, she was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Agawam High School.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Maronite Church in Springfield, and St. Anthony's Guild.

She is survived by two brothers, Alfred J. Davis of Springfield, and Raymond P. Davis of Concord, CA; three sisters, Mae E. Davis of Agawam, Helen J. Brooks of West Springfield, and Ramona Horgan of Plantation, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers predeceased her, Robert M. Davis in 1974, and James R. Davis in 1994.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam, with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. Anthony's Maronite Church in Springfield, followed by burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Charles Bellini

Charles Bellini, 95, formerly of Amherst Street, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 35-year machine operator at the former American Bosch Co. in Springfield and retired in 1963.

Born in Torri del Beneico, Verona, Italy, he moved to Springfield in 1905 and settled in Feeding Hills in 1966.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield.

He leaves two brothers, Neno of Agawam and Peter of Springfield, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Carmel School Endowment Fund, 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Maria E. Almena

Maria E. (Peretti) Almena, 46, of 67 High Street, Agawam, a salesperson for Electrolux Central Vacuum Systems of West Springfield, died in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Agawam High School, and was a resident of Agawam since 1957.

She leaves her husband, Bienvenido Almena; her daughter, Elaina Almena, at home; her mother, Jeanette (Bertoldi) Peretti of Agawam; a brother, Michael P. of Westfield; a sister, Regina Wiegert of Essex, Connecticut; and two nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Tazzini Funeral Home in Springfield and in St. Anthony of Padua Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Alda M. Zini

Alda M. (Guidi) Zini, 81, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of its Holy Rosary Society.

She leaves her husband of 56 years, Annello E. Zini; a son, Richard A. of Newmarket, New Hampshire; a sister, Della Christopher of Agawam; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Mary T. Davis

Mary T. (Draghetti) Davis, 87, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a 40-year coordinator in the advertising office of Strathmore Paper Co. in Westfield, died at Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

She retired in 1973.

A lifelong resident of Feeding Hills, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and a member of its former Rosary Altar Society.

She was in the 25-Year Club at Strathmore, Golden Age Chapter 1, and the former Feeding Hills Women's Club.

Her husband, Fred B. Davis, died in 1953.

She leaves a brother, Joseph A. of Feeding Hills; two nephews, George Draghetti of Feeding Hills, and Peter Draghetti of Westmoreland, Vermont; and four nieces, Alice D. Smith of Feeding Hills, Patricia Jones of Michigan, Sue Hall of Portland, Connecticut, and Elvira Westmoreland of Virginia.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Frances R. Fagnani

Frances R. (Montagna) Fagnani, 82, of 33 Wilson Street, Agawam, died in Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield.

She was a bookkeeper at the former Springfield plant of the Westinghouse Corp. and retired in 1964.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a former president of the Holy Rosary Society. She was also a former treasurer of the Agawam Golden Agers, a member of the Agawam Senior Center, and the Agawam Democratic Committee.

She was also a former member of the Home Information Center in West Springfield.

Her husband, Francis J. Fagnani, died in 1989.

She leaves two daughters, Sandra M. Maione of Enfield and Janet E. Penna of Avon, Connecticut; a brother, Dominic of Barboursville, Virginia; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Western Massachusetts Hospital Palliative Care Unit, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA 01085.

Gail E. Borowiec

Gail E. (Deely) Borowiec, 54, of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, a former employee at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Framingham, she graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield in 1960. She moved to Feeding Hills 31 years ago.

She was a committee member of the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

She leaves her husband, Mitchell T. Borowiec; a son, Christopher T. of East Hartford, Connecticut; three daughters, Susan E. Borowiec and Lynn A. Asselin, both of Springfield, and Katie A. Borowiec of Feeding Hills; her mother, Margaret L. Deely of Springfield; and three grandchildren.

A private funeral was held at Corridan Funeral Home and in Holy Name Church, with private burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040, or to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, P.O. Box 80715, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01138.

Helen M. Gumulski

Helen M. (Carlson) Gumulski, 84, of 59 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, died at home.

She worked at Balfour's in Attleboro for 30 years, and retired in 1986.

Born in Attleboro, she spent many years on Cape Cod before moving to Agawam last year.

She leaves her husband, Walter F. Gumulski of Mashpee; a daughter, Jerilyn Jacobs of Agawam; two stepdaughters, Stacia Hall and Jeanne Strangis of Attleboro; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private funeral was conducted at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and the burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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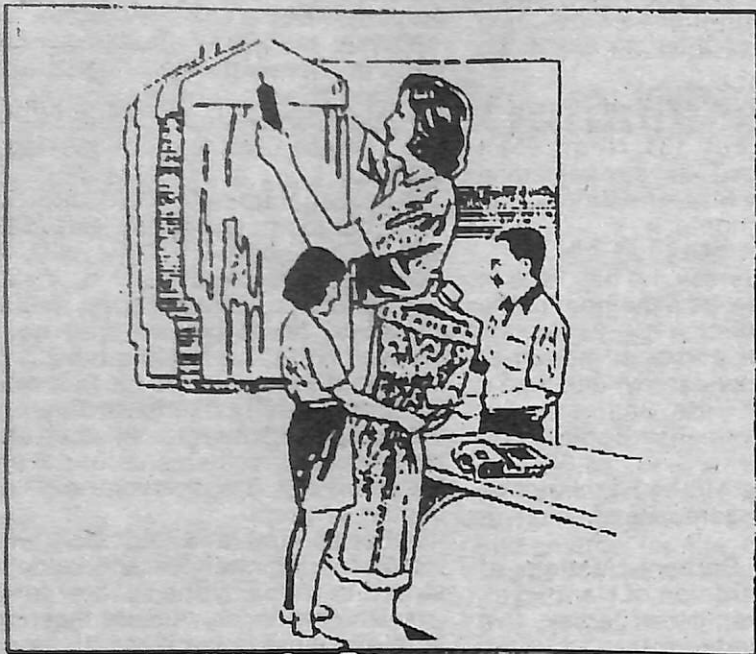
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Vivienne Irwin

Vivienne (Graves) Irwin, 87, of Agawam, a former Russell town clerk, died at home. She was a teacher in Huntington and Ludlow, and taught citizenship classes at Holyoke High School. She also was a saleswoman at the former Albert Steiger Co. shops in Westfield.

She was the Russell town clerk from 1945 to 1963.

Born and schooled in Lenox Dale, she attended the old Westfield Normal School (now Westfield State College).

She lived in Russell's Woronoco section before moving to Agawam 15 years ago.

She was a communicant of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Westfield, and was in the Holyoke and Springfield Kennel Clubs.

She also belonged to the Eastern Star, the Morning Star Chapter in Lee, and the Easthampton Doric Lodge, and was a past matron and deputy grand marshal in Easthampton.

She leaves three nephews, Bruce Graves of Keene, New Hampshire, David Graves of Madison, Wisconsin, and Terry Graves of Sydney, Australia.

A memorial service was arranged, and Messier Funeral Home of Holyoke was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or Hospice Life Care, P.O. Box 10428, Holyoke, MA 01041-2028.

Nestor P. Cokkinias

Nestor P. Cokkinias, 78, of Agawam, an insurance agent and former president of the Cathedral of St. George in Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

He was also an Arcon at the cathedral for more than 60 years. He was also a 43-year agent for the New York Life Insurance Co.

Born in Springfield, he was a Navy veteran of World War II. He later moved to Agawam.

He was a member of the Altis Chapter of the American Hellenic, Educational and Progressive Association, and a past district governor for AHEPA.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, Agawam, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1996 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of DOUGLAS A. AND MARY ANN FERRIGNO, who are seeking relief from Section 180-27 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residential structure with less than the required frontage and area at the premises identified as LOT NO. 10 WILLIAM STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: January 4, 1996

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1996 at 6:40 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of WILLIAM J. BEKKERING AND GWEN E. VAN DORP, who are seeking relief from Section 180-41 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family residential structure with less than the required frontage, at the premises identified as LOT NO. 26 OR NO. 19, SOUTH WEST STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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He was also a director of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, a past advisor of the Springfield Assembly of the Rainbow Girls, and a member of the Samuel Osgood Lodge of Masons, the Life Underwriters, and the Pan-Laonian Federation.

His first wife, Helen D. Cokkinias, died in 1968.

He leaves his second wife, the former Christine Darvirris; a son, Louis Coulouras of Boston; two daughters, Dorsey Cokkinias of Agawam and Diane M. Orfanos of Belmont; three sisters, Diamond P. Cokkinias, Anthoula P. Cokkinias, and Yiota Adamopoulos, all of Springfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 7 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Walter C. Ruckstuhl

Walter C. Ruckstuhl, 85, of 131 North West Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 40-year salesman and office manager at Valley Machine Knife Corp. in West Springfield, died at home.

He retired in 1972.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he has lived in Feeding Hills since 1948. He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church.

He was a 64-year member and past master of the Highland Lodge 90 in New Jersey, and was a member of the All Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Springfield, the York Rite Bodies, and the Melha Shrine.

He was a past chief of the Melha Highlanders.

His wife, the former Margaret Boyd, died in 1990.

He leaves two daughters, Barbara Hastings of Feeding Hills and Susan Boardman of Nantucket; a brother, John of Lakehurst, New Jersey; five grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

A memorial service was held in the church, with private burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Springfield Unit, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or to the Visiting Nurse Hospice, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946.

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FireWise

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Know What To Do In The
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Fire! In your home? No, you think. But, what if it did? Would you and your family know what to do? Would they react safely? In 1987, the year for which the most current fire statistics are available, 4,600 deaths occurred in residences in the United States.

The primary problem surrounding this high home fire death rate is the belief by individuals that they won't have an accidental fire. So they aren't prepared when a fire occurs, and react improperly when a fire does occur.

Family members should plan ahead their actions in the event their homes are stricken by a fire.

- Install and maintain smoke detectors: at least one on each level and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom: a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window) should the doorway be blocked.

- For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping, such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For second- and third-story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

- Most important—practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number—911. Have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 11, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of B&M Fitzgerald Builders, Inc. for work to be performed on North West Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Looking Back...

by David Gallano
Agawam Historian



1973-74 Notes Of Interest From Annual Town Report

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE - During 1973 the Beautification Committee continued working toward its goal of making Agawam a more attractive community. To accomplish this goal the Committee has formed sub-groups within its membership concerned with plantings, community improvements and the Brady Village neighborhood park.

The committee continued its program to recognize those town businesses and industries which contributed to the beauty of Agawam, by awarding certificates of recognition. It also recommended a proposal for the construction of a neighborhood park to the rear of Brady Village Housing project on Springfield Street. After approval by the Housing Authority and the state Department of Community Affairs, land will be transferred to the town for development.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE - The committee appointed by the Town Manager has held several meetings throughout the year in an effort to develop plans for our nation's Bicentennial Celebration.

Some of the activities being planned are: A Colonial Costume Ball; a slide program on the history of Agawam, being researched by Sylvia Deliso and James Thomas, which will be available to school classes or any other group interested; in conjunction with the Historical Society, in a joint effort, an effort will be made to the marking of older homes and to produce a map indicating where they are located; the development of a bicentennial seal and putting together a time capsule to be installed in the Senior Center foundation when construction begins.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMISSION - Agawam's Consumer Advisory Commission, headed by Louis Draghetti, has concluded another 18 months of handling consumer complaints received from the town residents. The commission has addressed itself to a multiplicity of complaints involving: overcharges, incorrect billing, faulty or shoddy workmanship, dangerous products, magazine subscriptions, false advertising, illegal pricing, and services not delivered.

All cases were followed to a just conclusion.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS - The Board of Registrars reported the following as our total of registered voters broken down by party: Democrat, 4,934; Republican, 1,551; Independent, 5,506; Total, 11,992.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Edward Caba, Town Clerk, submitted the following on his report of vital statistics recorded for the 18-month period beginning January 1, 1973 and closing on June 30, 1974: BIRTHS - 521. MARRIAGE INTENTIONS - 493. MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED - 489. MARRIAGES - 527. DEATHS - 367. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECORDED - 490. TERMINATIONS - 151. BUS. CERTIFICATES RECORDED - 153. DOG LICENSES ISSUED - Males, 1,681; Females, 324; Spayed Females, 1,259; and Kennel Licenses, 31.

TOWN TREASURER REPORT - David C. Gallano indicated that the most important phase of town finances is the picture of its bonded debt, \$6,520,000 balance at the close of 1984 fiscal year. Seventy-five percent of the debt can be attributed to school construction. Planned sewer, sewer plant and drainage installations will increase the bonded debt somewhat during the next two years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Chief R. Kenneth Grady, in his report this year, said he would like to augment the new recorder program to include an incoming telephone and radio monitor. At times with a single desk man it is all but impossible to maintain a proper log of all calls and complaints. The incorporation of this machine into our record system would permit the desk officer to respond to the incoming calls more quickly as well as more efficiently.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - Chairman Frederick A. Drew has reported a large workload increase in the Assessors office. The Motor Vehicle excise has reached an all-time high with 20,000 bills having been issued for the period ending December 31, 1973. Real Estate accounts have increased to 8,800 with the total valuation of both real estate and personal property being in excess of \$170,000,000.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS - 1973-1974 fiscal year saw the retirement of Donald Campbell as Superintendent of the DPW and the appointment of his replacement, Leonard C. Belcher.

The major accomplishment during 1973 was the completion of the Feeding Hills Trunk Sewer which will become the backbone of the town's sewer service into the western portion of town. Another major development in the area of sanitation in 1973 was the town's participation in a

regional landfill at Bondi's Island for the disposal of our solid waste. Recycling, on a small experimental case, was instituted this year with increased expectations to follow. The department continued its street improvement program, and during the year installed several new water mains.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Fire Chief Harry W. Schneider submitted his report with the following: The ultimate aim and purpose of our Fire Department is to protect your life and property from destruction. To do this, we have employed 53 officers and firefighters to be ready to answer any call where we may be able to assist combatting any problem or emergency that threatens you. We have, this past year, instituted innovations which we feel also will assist in the prevention of destruction and emergencies.

Our fire Inspection and Prevention Division has prepared a School Fire Drill Manual and we have made this available to all our teachers and School

Ordinances Regulating On-Street Winter Parking In Agawam

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the ordinances regulating on-street winter parking between November 15th and April 15th.

The Department of Public Works has been empowered to declare on-street parking bans for the purpose of snow and ice removal and to tow any vehicles parked on streets in violation of these bans. Any person whose vehicle is removed is responsible for the cost of towing and storage and is subject to an additional fine in the amount of \$25.

It is the intent of the Department of Public Works to declare bans against any on-street parking whenever a snowstorm of plowable magnitude is forecast. Residents should tune to local radio and television stations or the Community Bulletin Board on Cable TV Channel 5 for announcements of bans.

In order for the Department to efficiently and effectively clean snow, it is important that no vehicles be parked on the streets. Parked vehicles result in ridges of snow and ice that reduce the travelled width of the roadway and endangers the public. Costly repaving is required to clear the residue. Residents should be forewarned that the Department will remove vehicles violating any parking ban.

Residents are also advised that it is their responsibility to remove snow and control ice on the sidewalks in front of their homes and businesses. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of a storm.

The Department of Public Works is only empowered to plow sidewalks on major streets where children are required to walk to school.

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Department personnel. This year marks a milestone in our department's educational program, in as much as four of our members have completed the fire science course at Springfield Technical Community College, and have received their degrees in fire science. We also have 20 members of our department presently enrolled at the college in the fire science course.

VETERANS' SERVICE DEPARTMENT - Veterans' Agent and Director of the Western Hampden District, consisting of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland, issued a statistic in his report that his department serviced over 5,000 veterans and dependents during the past year. Services consisted of filing claims for pensions for veterans, widows and dependents, bonus applications, financial assistance, and medical assistance to Holyoke Soldier's Home and VA hospitals.

Rep. Keenan Provides Support For Public Higher Education

Capping off a legislative session which featured numerous actions to improve and further fund the state's public education system, Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced the final approval of a \$619 million bond bill for the state's colleges and universities. The measure will allow for new construction and renovation at 29 campus locations across the state.

"I am extremely proud of our work during the session to provide the working families of Massachusetts with quality and affordable alternatives in higher education. This bond bill will serve to ensure that public institutions have the facilities which will foster a learning environment and provide young adults from all points on the economic spectrum with the tools to compete in the 21st century world economy," stated Rep. Keenan.

Rep. Keenan is also pleased with the results of the state's tuition affordability programs. Through the creation of the U-Plan college savings program, the ongoing efforts of the Mass Plan student loan program and the new PRISM international student loan program, tens of thousands of families will realize their dreams of sending their sons and daughters to college.

For 1995, the U-Plan was the most successful pre-paid tuition/college savings program in the country on a per capita basis with 28,700 participants. It is projected that the Mass Plan will be utilized by 4,375 families in the 1995/1996 school year. PRISM is intended to recruit international students to Bay State colleges. Currently this group contributes more than \$700 million a year to the state's economy.

"Higher education, public and private, is the third largest industry in the Commonwealth and pumps and \$10 billion into the economy on an annual basis. It also is the catalyst for thousands of jobs at all levels of the economy. Providing state supports for this industry will pay dividends in the area of education and economic development," concluded Rep. Keenan.

Scott E. Skolnick Attorney At-Law

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Attorney Skolnick and his Administrative Assistant, Erin Mercolino.

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Inaugural Celebration Set For January 26th At The Oaks

The public is cordially invited to attend the Town of Agawam's 1996 Inaugural Celebration featuring a mock swearing-in ceremony of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on Friday, January 26th, at the Oaks Banquet House, located at 1070 Suffolk Street, Agawam.

A social hour with hors d'oeuvres will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by the mock swearing-in ceremony at 7:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. a buffet dinner will be served with a sundae bar. Dancing and music will follow.

Tickets are \$18 per person. If you wish to be a sponsor of this event, a \$50 donation will entitle you to two tickets to the celebration and a sponsor listing in the event program.

Tickets may be obtained by sending your name, address, and a check for the number of tickets needed to the Agawam Inaugural Committee, care of the Mayor's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or call Jennifer in the Mayor's Office at 786-0400, extension 201 for further information. Please make all checks payable to the Agawam Inaugural Committee.

Agawam's Snow Removal Ordinance

This is a reminder that snow and ice has to be removed from sidewalks after a snowstorm. The Agawam City Ordinance No. 155-10 states in part:

The tenant or occupant and, in case there is no tenant or occupant, the owner or persons having the care of any estate abutting upon any street, lane, court or square within the town where there is a sidewalk which now is established or set apart as such, shall remove, within twenty-four (24) hours after ceasing to fall, any snow and/or ice thereon.

No persons plowing, pushing or shoveling snow or ice from private parking lots, driveways or sidewalks in or upon any street or public way shall leave any ridge of ice or snow or other debris upon such public way as to cause hazardous or dangerous conditions.

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine.

The Agawam Police Department has been receiving complaints that some sidewalks are not cleared. This is causing a problem for pedestrians who are forced to walk in the roadway. Even the school children who do not walk to school must use the sidewalks to get to their assigned bus stops.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

TOWN OF AGAWAM

The Town of Agawam is requesting proposals for the leasing of a portion of Tuckahoe Turf Farm, approximately 12 acres, for agricultural use. Proposals are being accepted for two-year leases. The Request for Proposals may be obtained at the Agawam Town Clerk's Office or the Office of Planning and Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts until January 31, 1996.

All proposals must be submitted to the Agawam Mayor's Office before 12:00 P.M., February 2, 1996 at which time the Non-Price Proposal will be opened.

The Tuckahoe Turf Farm Committee and the Mayor of Agawam will review the proposals and accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any proposal in whole or in part and to accept any proposal or any item of any proposal or to negotiate non-price portions of the project if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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CCBA Fundraiser To Take Place At Crestview C.C.

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam cordially invite all Agawam residents to join us at a fundraiser on Saturday, January 6th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Crestview Country Club.

Berkshire Power has proposed development of a 250 megawatt gas and oil fired power plant on a 40 acre site off of Shoemaker Lane. The CCBA has opposed this proposed development because we feel it will adversely affect the health, safety, and property value of the area and that it will destroy the character of our community.

We invite all residents to join us in this opposition.

Tickets will be available at the door or can be obtained by contacting a member of the CCBA. Donation is \$10. We look forward to seeing you.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

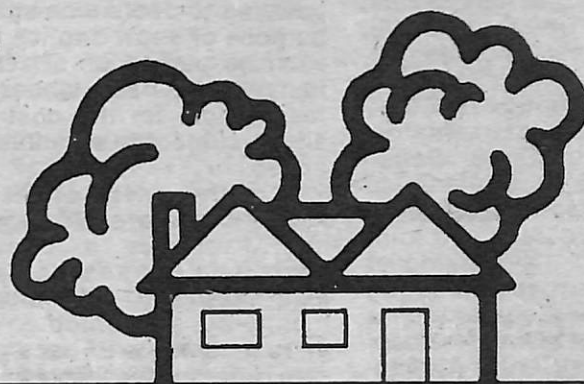
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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Raymond Gendron, Acting Chairman

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Families



MR. & MRS. TODD GORDNER

Sarah White Becomes Bride Of Todd Gordner

Sarah White and Todd Gordner were united in marriage at Mittineague Congregational Church on October 8, 1995. Reverend Eugene Wratchford officiated at the 2:00 p.m. service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills. The parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordner of Johnson Street, West Springfield.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Frank and Mary.

Mrs. Rebecca Dufault attended her sister as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Sharon White, sister-in-law of the bride, Mary Pat Chapman, and Jennifer Zamites.

Serving the groom as best man was Mark Walachy. The ushers were Mark Dunham, Jeff White, and Joe Morin.

A graduate of Agawam High School, the bride attended Bay Path College and Westfield State College. She is presently employed at Northampton Developmental School as a special education teacher.

The groom graduated from West Springfield High School and is employed at Vision Graphics as a computer graphic specialist. He is also owner and instructor of Die-Hard Tae Kwon Do at Goldy's Gym in West Springfield.

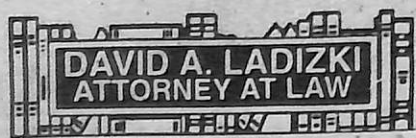
Agawam/West Side Toastmasters To Meet Thursday, Jan. 11th

The next meeting of the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters will take place on Thursday, January 11th.

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Robert Molta, president of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, wishes to thank everyone who participated in the "Toys for Tots" Campaign. The response in all the offices was truly wonderful.

Our wish for the children who have benefitted from everyone's generosity is that they have a healthy and happy new year.

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Wednesday, January 10th: Veal parmesan, potato wedges, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, January 11th: Pork chow mein, fluffy white rice, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, canned peaches.

Friday, January 12th: Baked fish, potato fries, carrot coins, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Ag. Housing Authority Notes New Rules On Public Housing

The Agawam Housing Authority wishes to inform residents that the State Legislature has recently made changes to some of the regulations governing public housing law. Among them and those which may be of interest to the public are the following sections:

The age at which persons qualify as elderly has been lowered from 62 to 60 years of age.

The definitions of handicapped have been amended to exclude current illegal users of controlled substances.

Local veterans who are otherwise eligible and qualify for elderly housing are now given a preference in tenant selection for elderly developments.

A cap of 13.5% has been placed on the number of non-elderly handicapped persons who can be placed into elderly housing.

During October new asset limits were put into place which allows a person to have assets of up to \$34,632 and for a couple up to \$43,776.

If anyone wishes to apply, applications may be obtained at the Housing Authority office which is located in the Senior Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and for questions we may be reached at 786-1297.

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ALL SMILES AT A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR held at Country Estates Nursing & Rehab Facility on Suffield Street last month were, from left - Evelyn Sassarone, Pat Rose, Robert Torte (activity volunteer) and Phyllis Nacewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ATTENDING LAST MONTH'S Christmas Bazaar at Country Estates Nursing & Rehab Facility were, from left - facility resident Tony D'Angelo, crafter Carole Drenzek, and crafter Tina Stevens (right). Advertiser News-photos by Jack Devine.

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AAA Offers Tips For Safe Jump-Starts

For the many motorists who will attempt to jump-start their vehicles this winter, safety should be the primary concern, according to the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley.

"Jumper cables can be a valuable tool for standard motorists," said Paul Higgs, manager of Emergency Road Service, "but a car's battery system involves corrosive acid, explosive gas, and voltage that can damage sensitive electrical components. Safety must come first."

The first step in jump-starting any vehicle is to check that vehicle.

"There are important restrictions and unique procedures for many cars," said Higgs. "Not following the manufacturer's instructions can cause serious injury to the motorist and significant damage to the vehicle."

In addition to checking the owner's manual, the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley offers the following general tips for jump-starting a vehicle:

- Keep open flames (cigarettes, matches, etc.) away from the vehicles. Batteries can produce explosive hydrogen gas.
- Make sure the two vehicles are not touching. This could cause gasoline in the fuel tank to ignite.

- Check both batteries for cracks, freezing, and damaged terminals.

- Carefully inspect the condition of the jumper cables for missing or frayed insulation.

- Never lean over the battery when jump-starting.

- Disconnect electrical add-on equipment such as cellular phones, alarms, and stereo amplifiers before jump-starting. Failure to do this may damage the circuitry of these components.

- When connecting and disconnecting jumper cables, avoid letting the loose ends touch other metal parts.

Regular inspection of the battery, battery terminals, and cables can many times detect trouble before a jump-start is needed. Vehicles that require a jump-start should be checked for proper operation by a qualified repair facility.

The Auto Club of Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profit motor club with offices in West Springfield and Holyoke providing over 95,000 members with travel, financial, and auto-related services.

For further information, call the Auto Club of Pioneer Valley at (413) 785-1381.

January Calendar Of Events At Agawam Senior Center

Friday, January 5th:

9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening (no appointment).

1:00 p.m. Pitch game (open to all).

Saturday, January 6th:

Bingo night.

Monday, January 8th:

9:00 a.m. Weldon Center Hearing Screening (by appointment).

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tai-Chi (starts on this date at Fitness First).

1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Tuesday, January 9th:

11:30 a.m. Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated.

12:30 p.m. Movie of the week.

Wednesday, January 10th:

Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, January 11th:

9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, January 12th:

1:00 p.m. Pitch game (open to all).

Saturday, January 13th:

Bingo night.

Monday, January 15th:

Senior Center closed (Martin Luther King Day).

Tuesday, January 16th:

9:00 a.m. SHINE representative available (by appointment).

1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check.

Wednesday, January 17th:

Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.

Thursday, January 18th:

9:00 a.m. Food care nurses (by appointment).

Friday, January 19th:

1:00 p.m. Pitch tournament begins.

Saturday, January 20th:

Bingo night.

Monday, January 22nd:

1:00 p.m., AARP meeting.

Tuesday, January 23rd:

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free legal counseling (by appointment).

Wednesday, January 24th:

Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.

Friday, January 26th:

1:00 p.m. Pitch tournament.

Saturday, January 27th:

Bingo night.

Sunday, January 28th:

6:00 p.m. "Super Bowl" party.

Monday, January 29th:

1:00 p.m. Bingo.

Wednesday, January 31st:

No Golden Agers' meeting.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED:

Celebrating birthdays were Desiree Jacobs, Jessie Fuller, and Marjorie Myers.

"Happy Birthday" to all who celebrated their December birthdays and remember, birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month (subject to change).

Please make reservations for the birthday table in advance by calling 786-0400, ext. 242.

TAI-CHI EXERCISE PROGRAM OFFERED:

Tai-Chi is an ancient exercise that focuses on creating balance within the mind and body. Tai-Chi benefits the mind, body, people of all ages, and enhances motor skills, balance, and mental tranquility.

The Agawam Council on Aging and Fitness First have come together for another "satellite" program, the first being aquatic exercise. Both programs offer a \$10 discount on first timers. The class will be held on Mondays, beginning January 8th.

For further information, call the Agawam Senior Center Activities Director, Sandra Smith, at 786-0400, ext. 242.

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ANNUAL PITCH TOURNAMENT:

This event is scheduled to begin Friday, January 19th. Meanwhile, the regular game of pitch began on Friday, December 15th, and continues through Friday, January 12th.

The sign-up sheet for the tourney is with the Activities Director, and you may call in to sign up—786-0400, ext. 242.

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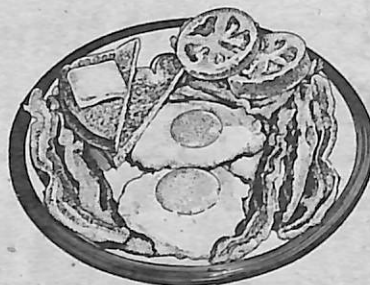
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January Calendar For Agawam's Golden Age Clubs, Chapters 1 & 2

January 5th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station.

January 10th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. (program to be announced at a later date).

January 17th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a video presentation by chapter member Mr. William Bishop.

January 24th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

January 26th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Agawam Women's Club To Promote Capt. Leonard House

The Agawam Women's Club will offer for sale to the public its tile featuring the Leonard House. The four-inch square white tile is imprinted with a winter sketch of the Captain Charles Leonard House, which is the traditional meeting place of the club.

The Agawam Women's Club was organized in 1926 for the purpose of mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of civic and cultural interests.

The tiles are available at the Agawam Public Market and the Feeding Hills Public Market at a cost of \$6 each.

For more information, call Joanne Willis at 789-1360.

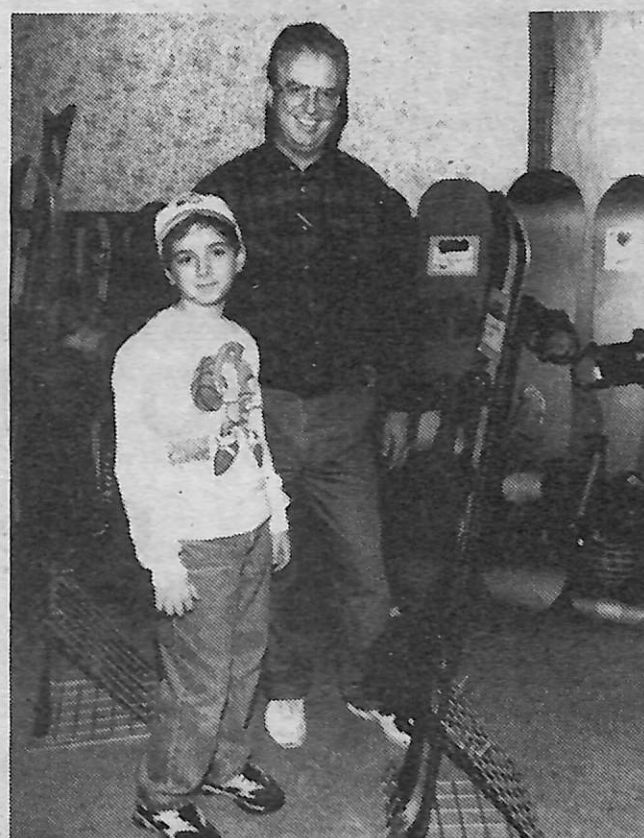
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Big Ski Sale!



FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH and The Ski In combined for a sale on the winter stuff recently to raise funds for the Operation Friendship chapter at the church. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Ellen & Greg Forst and Erin & Ellen Lightcap look over the the stock. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Jerry Couture and his son, Matt, from Operation Friendship were pleased with the turnout. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Santa At Game Club



SANTA AND HIS CHIEF ELF made an appearance last month at the West Springfield Fish & Game Club on Garden Street in Feeding Hills to meet with the kiddies and chat with club members. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Santa is pictured with seven month-old Angela Mongeau. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Fine Turkey Dinner At United Methodist Church



THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH recently held a family turkey dinner with all the fixings in the church hall. From left - Dana Henry and Fran Camyre helped with the kitchen chores; in middle photo, Feeding Hills residents Harold & Eloise Clark said the meal was delicious; and in photo right, the Wetzel girls, Melissa and Sarah, had no trouble digging in. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Sunday, January 7th, is Communion Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church.

At the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "Are You Envious?" taken from Text: Matthew 20:15. The Children's Message will be "Make a Joyful Noise."

The second half of the church school begins this Sunday. Classes for grades nine through 12 and adult classes meet at 9:15 a.m., and crib room through sixth grade meet at the 10:30 a.m. session.

Playgroup meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Infants through pre-school are eligible to attend the playgroups.

Anyone interested call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

Committee Night will meet on January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Bryan Kirby, the church organist/choir director.

Nancy Molin, UCC Missionary to Nepal, will be here on Sunday, January 14th. She will be speaking about her eight-year experience in Nepal.

Youth Sunday will be Sunday, January 21st. The Senior High youth of the church will be leading and participating in the Worship Service.

Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. Baptist Church

A family-style ham and bean supper has been slated for Saturday, January 13th, at Agawam Baptist Church (corner of Main and Elm).

The serving times are 4:45 and 6:15 p.m. Adult admission is just \$7, and children (under 10 years of age) are \$3.

For reservations, call 786-8570, 786-8609, or 786-8209.

The menu will include baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea or milk, and assorted homemade pies.

If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel.

Valley Community Church To Host Boar's Head Festival

The Valley Community Church's first annual Boar's Head Festival will bring together over 30 musicians, singers, costumed characters, and even live animals to celebrate Epiphany or Three Kings' Day on Wednesday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend this exciting and uplifting event filled with traditional carol singing, performances of instrumental ensembles and a madrigal chorus, and culminated by a procession of costumed medieval folk, livestock, the boar's head, and the three kings as they present their gifts to the Christ child.

The event is free and will be held in the sanctuary of the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

A social hour of fellowship and food and an opportunity for children to see the animals will follow the pageant downstairs in Dunn Hall.

Valley Community Church Is Expanding Worship Service

Valley Community Church is excited to announce a change in its Sunday morning Worship Service.

Beginning on Sunday, January 7th, the Worship Service and Sunday School programs will begin at 9:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, there will be a 30-minute fellowship and coffee time downstairs in Dunn Hall. At 11:00 sharp, the church will begin an hour-long Bible Study for adults, as well as a Youth Bible Study for the young adults of the congregation.

Both the Worship Service and adult Bible Study are being conducted by Rev. Stephen Dennehy. Pastor Steve has filled the congregation with his enthusiasm and joy. The church is alive and growing and motivated by the Word of God.

Valley Community Church is located high on the hilltop at 152 South Westfield Street, and welcomes visitors from any denomination.

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God Shows His Love For Us In Many Ways

In the play *Fiddler On The Roof*, Tevya asks his wife if she loves him. Golda responds by recounting that she had washed Tevya's clothes, cooked his meals, cleaned his house, even milked the cow, for 25 years. For 25 years, Golda had lived with Tevya, fought with him, starved with him; her bed was Tevya's. Gold then asks, "If that's not love, what is?"

God shows His love for us in many ways, one of which is His faithfulness towards us. Much like Golda, who stood by Tevya through thick and thin, God is faithful to us, only more so.

At Christmastime, we recall that God kept His promise, first made in the third chapter of Genesis, to one day send a Redeemer, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Indeed, the entire Bible is one long, uninterrupted account of God being faithful to His people.

God's faithfulness is part of His essential character; it is one of His basic attributes. Scripture describes God as "abounding in faithfulness." This is one of the ways God is different from people. God is faithful, but people are fickle.

Because God's faithfulness is part of His essential character, it is self-perpetuating. Our faithfulness, on the other hand, is dependent upon either people or circumstances or both. By its very nature, our faithfulness waxes and wanes, and is in constant need of nurturing, encouragement, and reinforcement. It is part of our nature to be fickle towards one another.

Try to name even one person who is 100 percent faithful all the time. In all honesty, we cannot do it. In all honesty, we cannot say such a thing about ourselves. As much as we would like it to be

otherwise, none of us is 100 percent faithful towards others, nor towards God, all the time.

Fortunately for us, God knows all about this trait of ours. The Bible is replete with stories of God calling His fickle people back to Himself.

At some point in our lives, most of us have doubted God's faithfulness. Maybe that is because we think God is like us! But we can know with certainty that God is not like us by observing Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us Jesus is the "exact representation of His being." Jesus never yielded to temptation, nor caved in under pressure. Even at the cost of His life, He remained faithful to the will of His Father in heaven. ***

Perhaps others have doubted God's faithfulness when things haven't gone their way. Some people would claim they could tell a story of a time of great personal need, and God wasn't there for them.

But the Bible says we are not alone, that Jesus Christ gave up the splendor of heaven to become our Savior. It also declares that "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." This means that God has demonstrated His concern for us, and that Jesus Christ is perfectly capable of meeting our needs.

We are challenged in the light of these facts to "work out your salvation with fear and trembling." A more literal translation of this phrase would be: "with fear and trembling of or about yourselves, the salvation achieve, accomplish, or produce."

What the Bible is saying is, for heaven's sake (literally) don't trust your own sense of things, don't make decisions with eternal consequences based upon your own perception of your circumstances. Base those decisions on the truth of who Jesus Christ is and what He has done; base them upon God's faithfulness.

In other words, it is better by far to trust God, who is faithful; rather than any fickle person, including ourselves.

Having demonstrated His faithfulness, the Bible tells us that "God exalted Him (Jesus) to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name..."

Jesus is at the pinnacle of power. This is the same Jesus who promised that He would never turn anyone away if they wished to follow Him.

Garth Brooks sings a song about having friends in "low places." The Bible assures us that each of us can have a Friend in "high places."

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Celebration Of Communion At First Baptist Church

The ordinance of communion will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. As usual, classes will follow coffee and conversation in Davis Hall for adults as well as children of all ages. ***

Our calendar for this week:

Monday, January 8th: 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Circle meets at the home of Arline Buchanan; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle in the Parlor; 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Circle.

Tuesday, January 9th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, January 10th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, January 11th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:00 p.m., Take Out and Talk Out Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, January 12th: 7:00 p.m., Senior High Youth "No Sleep Over." ***

On Sunday, January 21st, the youth and the Caring Connection will coordinate efforts to serve a spaghetti supper at 5:30 p.m. Following this at 7:30 p.m., there will be a special speaker whose topic will be AIDS Awareness.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this most informative presentation. ***

The Caring Connection is planning some new programs for the church. If you are between the Youth Group age and over 60, you are invited to become a part of this growing group.

Contact Lorie Baker (786-8140) or Sharon Grabowski (860-668-0450) for details. ***

Plans are also underway for an all-family night celebration. If you have talent you want to share, contact Steve & Joyce Bailey or Gail & John Dello Russo.

The date is February 11th. Mark it on your calendar for a covered dish supper and a fun time for all. ***

At this time of year, there are a number of different programs being run by the Open Pantry which are in need of volunteers or donations. Contact the church office if you can help.

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MARIA SANGIOLO

Beautiful Voice Of Maria Sangiolo Set For F.H. Congo

On Saturday, January 6th, at 8:00 p.m., "The One More Song Concert Series" will present Maria Sangiolo—a voice to be heard—at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Admission is \$8 at the door. For information, call (413) 584-2417.

Maria's "hauntingly beautiful voice is crystal clear and her songs from uplifting to intense."

"Maria's singing takes you on a journey that soars with her spirit. Her voice sends shivers. Sweet and unforced, it delivers personal songs that ever-so-gently touch the heart."

Maria Sangiolo is a compelling singer/songwriter with a voice that is as clear as chimes. She writes songs with a passion and conviction that leave the listener moved and mesmerized. An engaging performer, she takes her audience to many places of the heart, and does so with warmth and sincerity. Her songs will touch your soul and lift your spirits.

Maria recently released her first CD entitled *Eyes Of The Heart*. Response to the CD has been great. It is receiving significant airplay, and record stores are selling out. Word is spreading fast ... Maria is someone to watch!

"The One More Song Concert Series" is smoke- and alcohol-free. Some concerts will be at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, but most will be at the home of Kathy and Karl Moore.

Homemade snacks as well as hot and cold beverages will be available. Music ranging in style from traditional to contemporary will be presented.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet On Friday, January 5th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Theresa's Church, Bridge Street, Agawam, to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 5th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

Join us this week at Feeding Hills Congregational Church for a Service of Holy Communion which begins at 10:00 a.m. at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Dream to Live By."

Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Children are then welcome to attend worship with their parents. Nursery care will be provided.

The following Youth Group schedule has been announced—

Older youth (ages 10 and up) will meet Sunday, January 7th, at 1:30 p.m. to visit the Springfield Rescue Mission; Sunday, January 14th, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. to work on the Peace Project; and Sunday, January 21st, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. to work on the Peace Project.

Younger youth (under age 10) will meet on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (when they usually leave the service) to work on the Peace Project and Puppet Plays.

Blanket Sunday will be sponsored by the Ladies Benevolent Society on February 3rd. For each \$5 gift you give, Church World Service can buy one durable blanket to provide a child, a refugee, or a disaster victim with comfort and warmth.

A blanket can be used in many ways for those who have nothing. Special envelopes, to be put in the offering plates, will be found in pews that Sunday. You may also send a contribution to the church office.

Let these people know we care about them!

Please have all annual reports into the office by Tuesday, January 9th, especially if they need to be typed. Reports will be collated and available to the congregation by Sunday, January 21st.

There will be no issue of *The Informer* published this month. The next deadline is February 13th.

The Planning Board has called a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m.

The Council will meet on Monday, January 8th, at 7:30 p.m. This meet was rescheduled due to last week's holiday.

The Youth Group will serve its monthly pancake breakfast on Saturday, January 13th, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

On the calendar this week:

Sunday, January 7th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Service of Holy Communion; 11:00 a.m., All Church meeting with Planning Board; 1:30 p.m., Youth Group to Rescue Mission.

Monday, January 8th: 5:15 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, January 9th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, January 10th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, January 11th: 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Saturday, January 13th: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Pancake Breakfast.

All the local news with us, each week

Calendar Of Events For January At Valley Comm. Church

Valley Community Church is pleased to share its events for the month of January:

Thursday, January 4th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Meeting.

Sunday, January 7th: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service & Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Coffee; 11:00 a.m., Bible Study Hour.

Monday, January 8th: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Meeting.

Wednesday, January 10th: 7:00 p.m., Boar's Head Festival.

Thursday, January 11th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Meeting.

Saturday, January 13th: 5:00 p.m., Chicken Supper.

Sunday, January 14th: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service & Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Coffee; 11:00 a.m., Annual Town Meeting for all members.

Monday, January 15th: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Meeting.

Thursday, January 18th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Meeting.

Sunday, January 21st: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service & Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Coffee; 11:00 a.m., Bible Study Hour.

Monday, January 22nd: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Meeting.

Thursday, January 25th: 6:30 p.m., Cub Scout Meeting.

Sunday, January 28th: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service & Sunday School; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship & Coffee; 11:00 a.m., Bible Study Hour.

Monday, January 29th: 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Meeting.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church and welcomes visitors from all denominations of faith.

The church is located high on a hilltop at 152 South Westfield Street.

Chicken Supper Scheduled At Valley Comm. Church

With the cooperation of "Mother Nature," Valley Community Church will be holding its next monthly chicken supper on Saturday, January 13th.

The menu will again feature: baked chicken, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, two hot vegetables, salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and a beverage. And, once again, you have the difficult decision of choosing a dessert from our overloaded, homemade dessert table.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Because of the popularity of these suppers, reservations are strongly suggested by calling the church at 786-2445 or Shirley Taylor at 786-2576.

The cost is just \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children.

Should the supper again be cancelled because of weather, announcements can be heard on both the local TV and radio stations.

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Spotlight On Business

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by
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Have You Considered Buying A FSBO?

A home offered for sale without the assistance of a professional real estate agent is commonly called a **FSBO** (For Sale By Owner). Should you consider buying a FSBO? Definitely yes, if the home appears to meet your needs. However, you should give it the same careful consideration you are giving to properties listed with a professional real estate firm.

Just because a home is offered 'for sale by owner' does not mean you won't need professional help. In fact, it may be more important for you to obtain the services of a professional real estate agent when buying a FSBO.

Buyer's agents which represent the buyer exclusively and not the seller can provide you with a comparison of similar properties to help you determine the value of a home, assist in writing an offer, negotiate the best terms and price for you,

assist in arranging for financing, and provide you with a list of professional home inspectors for you to choose from.

If you know a "for sale by owner" property and would like to preview it (or if you have already viewed the property), ask a professional real estate agent to get all the information about the property from the owner and have him or her make arrangements to view the property.

When viewing the property with your agent, don't talk directly with the owner or make comments (negative or positive) about the property. You want the owner to have a favorable impression of you, but you don't want the seller to know how much you want the property. However, you may have questions about the property that need to be answered.

Ask your agent to get the information for you after leaving the property. If you have additional questions, you and your agent can preview the property again. The above points are very important and will work in your favor when it's time to make an offer.

Since the owner wants to sell, they will normally work with your agent. Once your agent has obtained all the information requested from the seller, the transaction will proceed in the same manner as with any other property listed with a professional real estate firm.

Homebuyers definitely benefit from having their own professional real estate agent. For sale by owners (sellers) are not in a position to point out negative features of their properties.

Remember, you are making an investment—perhaps the biggest one of your life—and you want a home that you are comfortable with that makes you proud to be the owner.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Agawam, MA [413-789-1117].)



ELOISE J. DUNN

Eloise J. Dunn Is Named To Baystate's Board Of Overseers

Nine prominent Western New England community leaders have recently been elected to serve on governing boards of Baystate Medical Center.

Among those who were named to Baystate Medical Center's Board of Overseers was Eloise J. Dunn of Agawam, coordinator, Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

best local news...

IT IS STILL CHRISTMAS IN AGAWAM...
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Westfield Savings Finalizing Plans To For Holding Company

The Board of Trustees of Westfield Savings Bank has finalized plans to reorganize the Bank in mutual holding company form, effective January 1, 1996.

The Bank's new holding company will be called Westfield Mutual Holding Company and will share executive offices with the Bank at 141 Elm Street in Westfield. Westfield Mutual Holding Company will be the sole shareholder of Westfield Savings Bank and initially will have no other subsidiaries.

The mutual holding company reorganization was approved by the Bank's Corporators on August 8, 1995. The reorganization was also approved by the Commissioner of Banks and Board of Bank Incorporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The holding company plans to expand its operations in the future through acquisitions of banks in nearby communities in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. In addition, Westfield Mutual Holding Company may expand its operations through acquisitions of non-bank financial services businesses and other businesses that are closely related to banking.

Donald A. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Westfield Mutual Holding Company and Westfield Savings Bank, explained that the mutual holding company reorganization is intended to position the Bank to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the current wave of mergers among New England banks.

"The holding company structure permits banks in different communities to join forces without sacrificing their separate cultures and identities," Williams stated. "Community banks need to combine and stay competitive, but need to remain decentralized to be responsive to their customers. The holding company structure should permit Westfield Savings Bank to do both," he continued.

A Helping Hand...



WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK Senior Vice-President Victor J. Carra (left) presents a check as the bank's annual contribution to Albert L. Ellsworth, Jr., president of Junior Achievement of Western Mass., to assist the JA's Operating Campaign. This contribution will be used to support the JA's programs for students in all of the areas served by the bank. The JA serves more than 11,000 students from kindergarten through 12th grade throughout Western Mass. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Breakfast With Santa



OLDE TOWN BAGEL in Agawam Center held a "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday December 16th and on Sunday the 17th. Here, Santa is pictured with Lauren Bell. OLDE TOWN BAGEL is open for breakfast every Saturday and Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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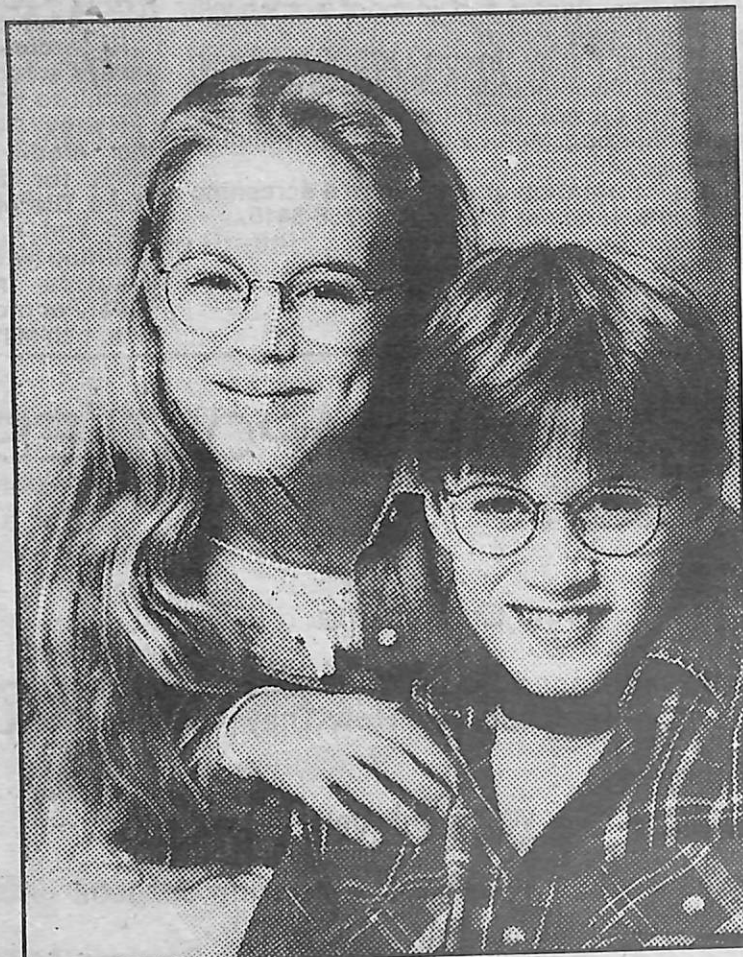


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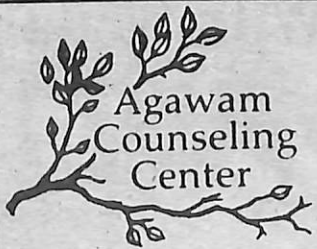
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Women's Support Group

by Nancy Jessup, LICSW

"I thought I was the only one who felt like this."
"I didn't realize my experience could help other people." "It's good to know I'm not alone."

Most of us have probably had experiences or crises in our lives that made us feel isolated and alone. We know that women, in particular, achieve a sense of well-being and self-esteem through relationships with others.

When relationships at work or at home are not going well, other tasks can seem more difficult and feel insurmountable at times. The voices quoted above are those of people who have been part of support or therapy groups.

Often people are nervous or feel reluctant to share their experiences with others. With the help of professional counselors, though, who can provide structure, confidentiality, and a feeling of safety, people find relief and support in sharing their concerns.

As they discover that others have had to deal with similar situations or that they have advice and experience to benefit others, individuals begin to feel less burdened and alone and find renewed energy and new ways of coping with life's problems. This, in turn, can lead to enhanced self-esteem and a sense of well-being.

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a multi-generational support group for women beginning in late January. The focus of the group will be on relationship issues, including marriage, parenting, and friendship.

A group is a particularly good place to learn about and practice relationship skills as members try out new ways of interacting in a safe environment. Older women will have much to offer in terms of life experience, and younger women will provide a fresh perspective.

Facilitated by Nancy Jessup, LICSW, the group will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Agawam Counseling Center accepts most insurances, including Medicaid, and has a sliding scale fee.

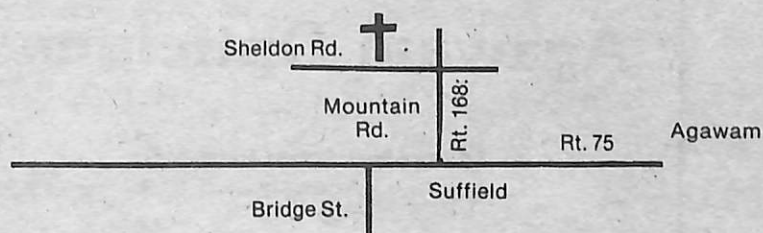
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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Most Pesticide-Contaminated Produce

Mom always said, "Eat your fruits and vegetables." She should have added, "... but, wash them well before you do."

The debate over fruit and vegetable safety has reached a head in Washington. The consumer agency, The Environmental Working Group, has come out with a list of 12 fruits and vegetables said to be the most contaminated with pesticides.

Strawberries top the list. Bell peppers and spinach tie for second. The rest of the list reads as follows: domestic cherries, domestic peaches, Mexican cantaloupes, celery, apples, apricots, green beans, grapes from Chili, and finally, cucumbers.

The group says even small doses can be a health risk. The president of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association accuses the group of twisting the facts. The Food and Drug Administration says exposure to pesticides from produce is low.

The National Cancer Institute says eat at least five fruits and/or vegetables a day to prevent cancer. They can also protect your heart, eyes, and skin from damage.

So, how can you reap the benefits without the risk? Whenever possible, buy the produce that made the list from the "originally-grown" section of your market. If that's not possible, ask your produce manager if the store chain buys produce from farms that pass inspections from agencies like NutriClean.

NutriClean is one company that tests fruits and vegetables for pesticide residues and gives a stamp of approval to those farms that adhere to their strict guidelines.

Regardless of where you buy your produce, always scrub fruits and vegetables before you put them into your precious body.

Nancy Dell, MS, is the media representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. For more information, call (413) 786-2957.

Childbirth Education Courses Available At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct childbirth education courses on the following days during January and February:

- Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - January 6th through January 27th.
- Mondays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. - January 8th through February 12th.
- Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. - January 24th through February 28th.

Sessions will be conducted in room 5, west wing, on the hospital's third floor.

The program will help prepare expectant parents for the birth of their baby, providing information on the physical and emotional aspects of pregnancy, labor, delivery, and baby care.

Relaxation and breathing techniques will be explored in depth; a tour of the Family Birthplace is also offered.

Registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

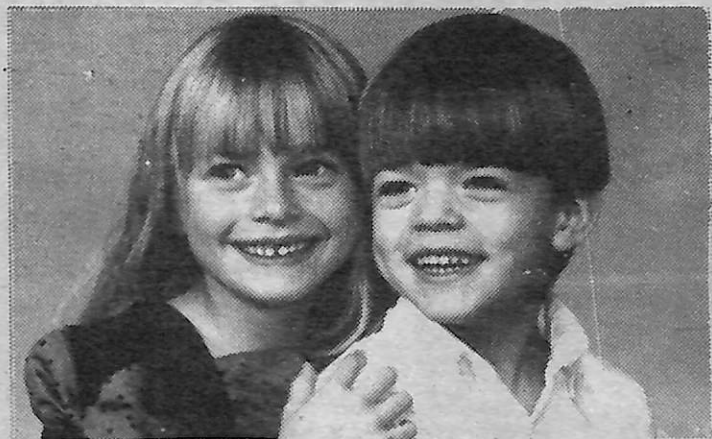
"Better Breathers" To Meet Jan. 9th At Baystate Medical Ctr.

On Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m., the BETTER BREATHES SUPPORT GROUP for people with C.O.P.D. (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) will meet at Baystate Medical Center in the Administration Building, first floor, Springfield Street entrance. Young Hee Kim, RD, will speak and the topic will be "you are what you eat."

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends. For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Marie Lemoine at 784-4442.

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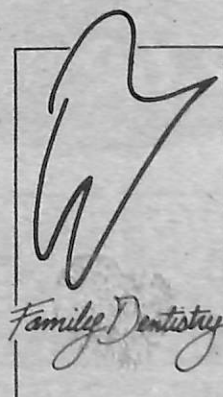
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For Your Health - continued...

Managing YOUR STRESS



Dear Dr. Sobel: I speak for many of your loyal readers and admirers who have attended your seminars. Where have you been? We have not seen your column lately in *The AAN*! Please respond. **K.L., Agawam.**

Answer: I have been away from my loyal readers too long! Here is a column for all of you at this time of the year. Thanks for all the letters! **Dr. S.**

"LIVING AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD and YOURSELF - Dr. Steve Sobel's Common Sense Tips To Manage STRESS."

"The secret to living with frustration and worry is to avoid becoming personally involved in your own life" are wise words uttered by the cartoon character Ziggy. I believe that what Ziggy is trying to tell us is that a certain amount of challenge is necessary for life to be exciting, but that too many people move past what I call their "daily stress threshold."

The daily stress threshold is the point at which you emotionally and/or physically are given "signals" that perhaps you need to step back from what you are doing or becoming involved with. I advise my many audiences that a powerful way to step back is to ask this simple but extremely important and powerful question when you feel you are approaching your own stress threshold: "Will it matter five years from now that I chose to become this upset or agitated?"

The answer 99 percent of the time is NO! The fact that at least 80 percent of office visits to primary care physicians are said to be "stress related" tells me that more people need to ask that simple question. You "reframe your priorities" by asking this question and restore a sense of control for yourself.

Many might say that this advice is common sense, but as you know—and I know—nothing is uncommon as using common sense! Start asking that question with people and about situations today. When you redirect how you think, you steer the boat in a different direction. It is not so much what we know we "ought to do," but how well we use what we ought to do!

I have said many times that it is not the things you face that create the most stress, but the things you do not face! Another way of thinking about this is to understand that it is indeed important to think about what you eat (food), but it is as or more important to be aware of what is eating at you!

Fear ("false evidence appearing real") prevents many of us from taking the first or initial steps in dealing effectively with people or situations that need to be dealt with directly. When you take the first steps to courageously tackle the short- or longer-term issues that have been rocking your boat (personally or professionally), you most likely will encounter two great human fears—fear of REJECTION and/or fear of CONFLICT.

The funny thing is, that both of these may be NECESSARY to deal with if you are truly going to GROW through life, not just GO through life.

GROWING through life means you having given yourself "permission" to test yourself against all the "petty tyrants" out there and the petty situations that need to be dealt with. You will also greatly lower your stress exhaustion symptoms because you have gained control and direction by choosing not to let stressors (in the form of people or situations) accumulate.

Remember, what you choose to think about naturally EXPANDS, and that your body (as

remarkable a healing tool as it is) DOES NOT know the difference between an event or situation that is REAL or PERCEIVED!

I will end with a quote by the great Mark Twain, who said, "Many things I have worried about, FEW of which ever happened." Worrying is a great way to pave the way for all sorts of ills and a diminished quality of life.

Face down fear by taking one step at a time; you'll feel much better, emotionally and physically, and you'll be a "PEWTBA" (a person everyone wants to be around).

IN CASE YOU FORGOT:

Dr. Steve Sobel is a nationally-adored motivational speaker, educator, and author. He will send you free of charge his "RULES OF THE ROAD" by writing him at: Dr. Steve Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Workshop topic listings are also available.

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For Your Health - continued...

Agawam Lions Help With Blood Drive



OVER AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER last month, the Agawam Lions Club and the American Red Cross co-sponsored a blood drive and pancake breakfast. IN TOP PHOTO, Lions Club members Dick Bassett, Denny Buell, Matt Blackak, Jim Taupier, and Lyman Simpson (seated) were the kitchen help. IN PHOTO BELOW, Mary Doyle, R.N., is about to take the "gift of life" from Richard Knight as Megan Wills looks on. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Noble Hospital Is Offering A Smoking Cessation Class

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the Education Department of Noble Hospital in Westfield as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, Director of Education at Noble Hospital, and will consist of two sessions to be held on Monday, January 8th and 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The sessions will be held in the Education Department at Noble Hospital. The course fee is \$40.

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5172.

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A HISTORY LESSON

Q. What is the responsibility of dental patients when asked to fill out forms or be interviewed about their medical history?

A. It's for a patient's own good that he or she consider each question carefully and answer accurately and thoroughly. This doesn't always happen. In a British study, 1,500 dental patients filled out a questionnaire, then were interviewed. Researchers found important information often had been omitted initially through carelessness, forgetfulness or failure to regard questions as relevant to their dental care. About one in four of those queried were found to have conditions or use medications that affect decisions about proper dental care.

That's the point. For your safety and comfort, the dentist must know all the facts in your medical history in order to choose appropriate treatments and, if necessary, any medication. In future visits, before treatment starts, be sure to report any new health condition or new prescription you are taking.

THE GUMS VS. DIABETES

Q. Why does diabetes pose special risks to dental health?

A. The risks relate mainly to gum disease, which is created by bacteria that normally exist in the mouth. These bacteria ordinarily are controlled by conscientious brushing, flossing and professional cleanings. But in diabetes, it is easier for the bacteria to go on a rampage.

There are two reasons for this. Diabetes may reduce the ability of the body's immune system to defend against harmful bacteria. Second, once gum disease or other infection gets started, impaired circulation in some diabetics may complicate treatment by prolonging the healing process.

Maintaining blood glucose control is fundamental for reducing the risk of gum disease. Diabetics have more at stake than others to prevent gum disease by brushing and flossing and getting periodic dental checkups and cleanings.

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The New Year is upon us. What better time to start with resolutions! Some goals to focus on are ones to keep the body healthy and strong:

- Exercise regularly; five times a week for at least 30 minutes. Walking is still the best and least expensive exercise.

- Drink plenty of filtered water; many headaches are due to simple dehydration.

- Change your diet; decrease fats and increase intake of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

- Take time for yourself; many health conditions are due to stress.

- Exercise your mind; read often.

- S-T-R-E-T-C-H ... keep those muscles flexible and decrease excess tightness.

- PMA—Positive Mental Attitude! Keep a great attitude; it helps!

- Be aware of posture when sitting, standing, and sleeping!

- GET ADJUSTED—see your chiropractor! Maintain health by keeping the spine aligned and the nervous system functioning 100 percent.

Since Thanksgiving, the office of Hampden County Chiropractic has been collecting spare change for the needy. Thanks to the generosity of our patients who donated \$40, Dr. Tami Nelson matched the proceeds and sent a check for \$80 to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

We thank all of you who contributed to this worthy cause. Happy New Year!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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It's Resolution Time Again!

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. Now we enter 1996 and you know what that means ... New Year's Resolutions! So how do you make resolutions that will be successful?

1. First of all, make a resolution to actually stick to your resolutions for more than a month.

2. Do not set too many goals. Pick two or three things that you want to work on, but no more. Trying to change everything in your life at once is unrealistic.

3. Decide how you want to monitor and measure the progress of your new resolution. How will you know if you are on track?

4. Tell yourself that if you goof up, it is okay. The worst thing you can do is to quit just because you got off-track. So what if you mess up! You fell off your bike more than once before you learned to ride it.

5. Make a resolution that is realistic. Make sure that you really want it.

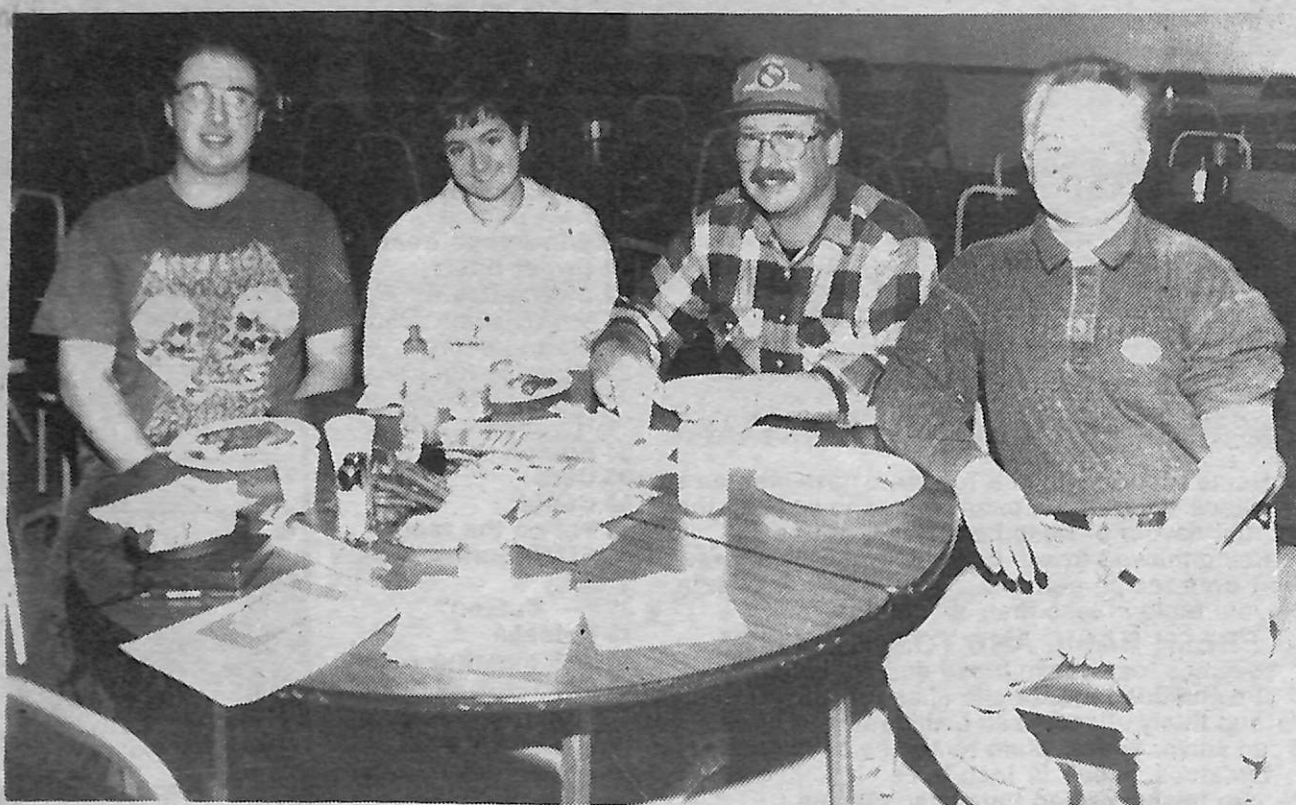
6. Take your time. You do not have to reach your goal immediately. Take small steps and eventually you will attain the end goal. Rome was not built in one day.

Now it is time to set those resolutions. This year is going to be great!

Do you need any ideas for New Year's Resolutions? How about that this year is going to be the year you exercise for a healthier you?

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Giving Their Gift For Lions Blood Drive



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB and the American Red Cross co-sponsored a Blood Drive at the Agawam Senior Center on December 16th. All those who donated the "gift of life" received a pancake breakfast courtesy of the Lions Club. From left - Carl Perkins, Alisa Harvey, Larry Perkins, and Paul Harvey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Arts



Here's looking at Cooking

Fresh Basil And Tomato Pizza

Home economists at KitchenAid have created a fabulous vegetarian pizza that showcases the vibrant flavors of fresh basil and tomatoes.

Using thawed frozen bread dough, this convection oven recipe delivers a mouth-watering pizza to your table in less than 30 minutes.

FRESH BASIL AND TOMATO PIZZA

- 1 16-ounce loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 ounces)
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves
- 5 red and/or yellow plum tomatoes or 3 medium tomatoes, sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Small fresh basil leaves (optional)

On a lightly floured surface, roll bread dough into a 12-inch circle. Place in a 12-inch pizza pan, pressing dough to build up an edge. Using kitchen scissors, snip edge of crust every 1 1/2 inches, angling cuts alternately left and right. Prick crust with the tines of a fork.

Convection Bake in a preheated 375°F oven for 14 to 16 minutes or until golden brown. (Or, standard bake in a preheated 400°F oven for 14 to 16 minutes.)

Sprinkle crust with mozzarella cheese. Top with sliced basil, then tomato slices. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and pepper.

Convection Bake about 8 minutes more or until mozzarella cheese is melted and Parmesan cheese is lightly browned. (Or, standard bake about 8 minutes more.)

If desired, arrange basil leaves on pizza. Cut pizza into wedges.

Make 12 appetizer servings.

Westfield Theatre Group To Present 'Evening Of One Acts'

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will be holding its fourth annual "Evening of One Acts" to start off the new year. Show dates are Friday, January 12th, and Saturday, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

The one-act plays to be presented include "Seven Wives for Dracula," a children's play being directed by Debbie Wood, and "The Villain of Rose Gulch Hollow," directed by Kathleen Palmer and Mary Ann Scognamiglio. Two other one-acts will also be presented.

This evening promises to be entertaining for the entire family and will allow the theatre group to showcase some of the talent both its children and adults have to offer. Many of the children have been in previous shows with the Westfield Theatre Group or participated in the group's summer theatre camp. Others are making their stage debut with this production.

Some of the 13 children in the one-acts include Michael Buzzee and Bill Wood, both of Westfield. Some of the adults returning to the Westfield stage are Kathryn Leary, Shelley Haber, and Bob Martin, all of Westfield, and Mike Tessini of Holyoke.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students/seniors. All tickets are general admission. Reservations can be made by calling 572-6838. Seating on the main level will be cabaret style, and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Come and enjoy some great family entertainment with the Westfield Theatre Group.

**Please remember
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noon. We open at
6:30 a.m. Thanks.**

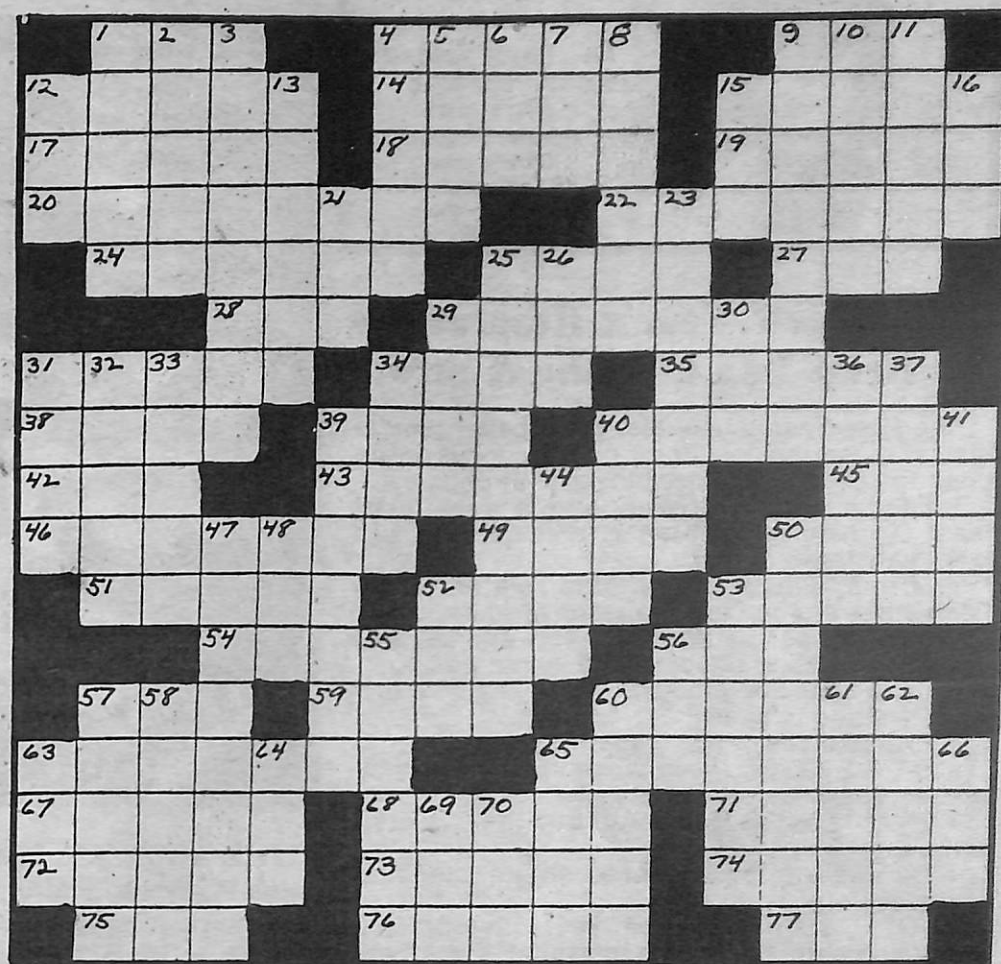
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- 1 Corvus cry
- 4 On the up and up (slang)
- 9 Doctrine
- 12 Of a lobe
- 14 Texas shrine
- 15 Ham or bad follower
- 17 Love in Roma
- 18 Ali's nation
- 19 "— smile"
- 20 Wintertime treat
- 22 Sweat treats
- 24 Strong beers
- 25 Mr. Wilson to Dennis
- 27 Marino scores
- 28 Plunging neck shape
- 29 Composite picture
- 31 Humped creature
- 34 French dances
- 35 Curb
- 38 Cupid
- 39 Pal on the range
- 40 Exhibitionist (slang - 2 wds.)
- 42 "— Yutang"
- 43 Release
- 45 WWII pricing agency
- 46 Fresh out of the fridge
- 49 Writer Gardner
- 50 Small song bird
- 51 Certain collars
- 52 Dean Martin's Helm
- 53 Things to shake
- 54 Close calls in horse-shoes
- 56 Sea to Debussy
- 57 Mournful mood
- 59 Nomad's abode
- 60 More serene
- 63 Algonquin tribe
- 65 Frigid expression
- 67 Ave follower
- 68 Awe
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- 72 "Sing — with Mitch"
- 73 Actor Greene
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- 75 Finalize
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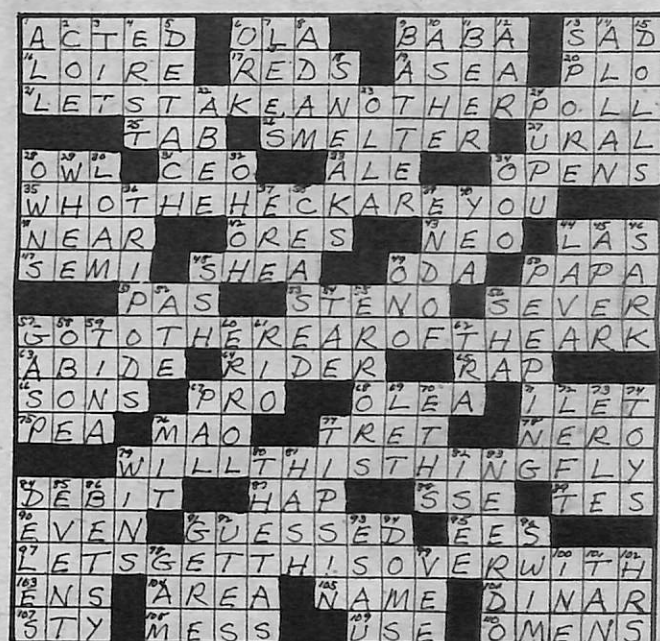
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- 1 Stupors
- 2 Cancel a mission (slang)
- 3 Serve a second time
- 4 Dens
- 5 "Or —!"
- 6 "My — Sal"
- 7 "— old cowhand..."
- 8 Nocturnal yowler
- 9 Summer quaffs
- 10 Sedate
- 11 Folkways
- 12 Order's partner
- 13 Long flight must
- 15 Ear
- 16 Cape (Mid East)
- 21 Follower
- 23 Shellfish called ear-shells
- 25 Opposite of warm hands
- 26 TLC dispensers

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



Last Week's Solution...



STAGE To Offer Second Series Of Dramatics Classes

STAGE has begun a new phase of its operation by offering the second in a series of Saturday morning "Creative Dramatics" classes for the very young child (ages four to seven).

An exploratory, fun, "creative play" approach is taken as children attend five one-hour sessions on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning January 13th and ending February 10th.

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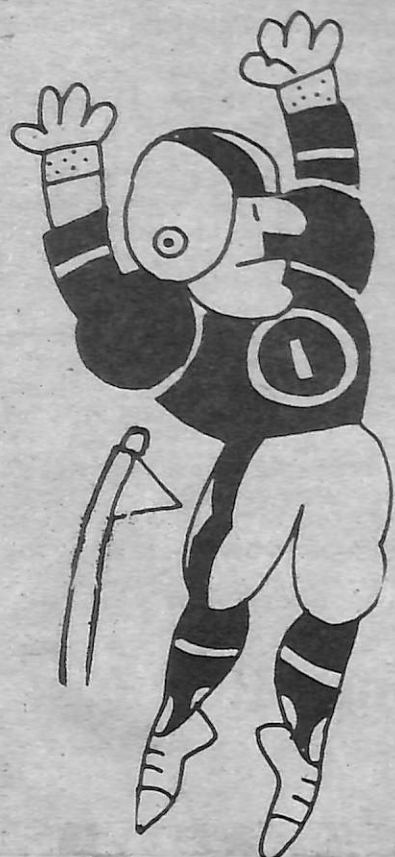
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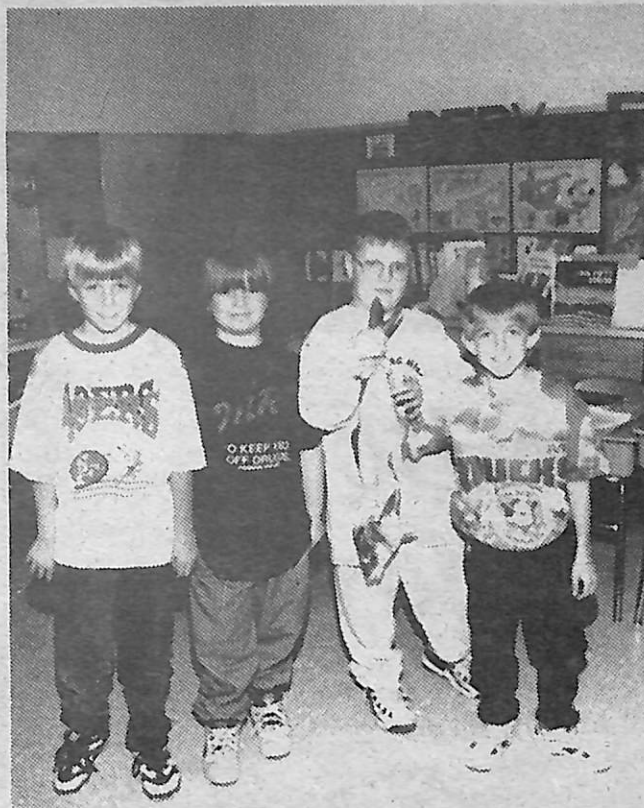
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Education

A Very Fishy Class



THE ROOM 3 students at Granger School were studying the gill system of fish last month. Pictured holding catch of the day are (top photo) Robert Menard, Thomas Tedone, Matthew Kupras, and Mike Weinle. PHOTO BELOW -Tim Walker, Douglas Delisko, Brian Athas, Kevin Foley, and Amy Lownds.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Springfield Elementary School Pays Musical Visit To Granger School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Outside it was wintry and white. But inside, the Granger School gym was ringing with the warmth and joy of the holiday season as the children and staff welcomed performers from Brunton Elementary School in Springfield.

Dressed in their holiday best, the kids from Brunton School brought a morning of holiday cheer to touch off the season for the kids at Granger with their Third Grade Bells and Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus. The groups performed a combination of familiar favorites and seasonal songs.

With their eyes locked onto their conductor, Ruth Freeman, the third graders rang out their tunes with an enthusiasm and skill that soon had the Granger kids joining in to sing along. At first, a few tentative voices could be heard during "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Deck the Halls," but by the time the bells were ringing out "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the kids and their teachers couldn't resist. The bells were ringing; the kids were singing; even Principal Phyllis Lewis joined in to "conduct" the audience.

Music teacher Jeanne Marker, who accompanied the young performers on the piano, said it was the first time the Brunton children had performed for an audience other than at their own school.

"The children can see how all their hard work is bringing joy to other people," Ms. Marker said. "It's an exciting experience for them to come to another school to perform. This is their first field

trip."

Mrs. Lewis said she is hoping the visit is just the first step in forming a lasting relationship between the children in the two schools.

A Holiday Ice Cream Party...

After the last performance, the children from Brunton were invited to join their new friends from Granger for a holiday ice cream party featuring frozen treats donated by Peterjans Gourmet Ice Cream and Yogurt.

Mrs. Lewis said the children would be encouraged to keep in touch as pen pals, with plans for exchanges between the school a possibility for the future.

"The Brunton kids did a great job. Some of our parents had heard about how good the Bells and Chorus are, and one of our kids was very excited because their cousin had been in it," Mrs. Lewis said. "This is what Christmas is all about—kids and sharing."

Brunton physical education teacher Lori Picard, who was instrumental in arranging the visit, said she hoped the trip would stimulate more interaction between kids from the city and kids from a small town.

"I'd hate to think people have a stereotype of city schools. These kids are all the same," Ms. Picard said. "Today we're bringing the city to the suburbs, and we hope to be able to bring the suburbs to the city. We'd like to show the kids that everybody can be diverse, but we're still the same."

Town Residents Named To Honor Roll List For Fall At Suffield Academy

The following area students have been named to Suffield Academy's fall honor roll:

From Agawam:

Jeffrey Beaudette ('99), Sarah Cowan ('99), Adam Lajeunesse ('96), and Erica Schlafer ('96).

From Feeding Hills:

Michael Albro ('98), Christopher Knight ('99), and * William Rivers ('96).

* Indicates High Honors.

Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is an independent, co-educational college preparatory school in Suffield, Connecticut.

IT IS STILL CHRISTMAS IN AGAWAM...

We still have many photos from the holiday season in Agawam. As has been our past practice over the years, we will run them throughout the month of January. Call Jack Devine for copies.

Happy 30th

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Adult Education At Agawam High School To Begin Jan. 8th

Registration for the winter semester of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, January 8 and 10, 1996 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Tuesday, January 16th; Wednesday, January 17th; and Monday, January 22nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 16th, and run for 10 weeks.

The tuition charge is \$65 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel a course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

Mondays and Wednesdays:

All academic courses required for high school diploma are held these two nights (1½ hours each night per course). Courses offered:

English 9, 10, 11, 12
U.S. History
Psychology
General Math
Business Math
General Science
World History
Typing (any level)
Lotus 2 (second half)

Tuesdays:

Accounting I
Algebra I
Word Perfect II
Financial Planning

* SAT Preparation - Verbal & Math (to begin March 26th and end April 30th - seven weeks)

Wednesdays:

Academic Courses for high school diploma
Algebra II
Chemistry
Computer Concepts
Italian Cooking (classes held at Junior High School)
Oil Painting

(* Cost: \$65 plus \$10 for textbook; total - \$75.)

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Monthly Newsletter From Agawam High

by Joseph Zabielski
Acting School Principal

During Parents' Night on November 27, 1995, several people expressed their concern about a lack of information in regard to warning notices, report cards, attendance, and other important school events. Due to this concern, the Administrative Team of Mr. Joseph Zabielski (Acting Principal), Mr. Paul Cavallo (Deputy Principal), and Mrs. Bernadette Conte (Dean of Students) met to decide what to do about the misinformation or lack of information that parents or guardians were experiencing.

What the team decided was to create a newsletter that would inform parents or guardians of certain basic information. The newsletter, however, will not contain everything that is happening in Agawam High School. Parents or guardians will have to read the local newspapers or communicate with their child or children for additional information.

Tentatively, depending on snow days, the next warning notices were to be issued to students during the third full week of December (December 19th or thereafter). Reports cards are tentatively scheduled to be distributed on February 9, 1996.

Unfortunately, the school does not have the clerical help nor the latest technology to automatically inform parents about absenteeism or tardiness. Therefore, if a parent or guardian is concerned about this, please contact your child's guidance counselor for an attendance update. Warning notices may also contain attendance information if there is a problem.

It is imperative that parents or guardians and students understand that attendance to school is mandatory from 7:25 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Also, if students are found to be out of bounds during school hours, they will be suspended in most cases.

Mid-term exams are being scheduled for the end of January. Please consult with your child or children for specific information as the end of January approaches.

You may also call the school for information toward the end of January. Unlike previous years, there is no release time available for this year's mid-term exams. This is due to the new state legislation on Time and Learning.

Please do not attempt to dismiss your child during mid-term exams, as successful educational performance is to be given first priority during this time period.

Other important events to be aware of for the remainder of the first half of the school year are:

1. Winter Top 40 Show on January 25th.
2. All college applications are due in the guidance office by the end of January.
3. All financial applications should be mailed by the end of January.

Mr. Zabielski, Mr. Cavallo, and Mrs. Conte, as a new Administrative Team, have high hopes for the improvement of Agawam High School.

The newsletter is one of the many steps that the Administrative Team intends to take to make Agawam High School better.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 8th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven-baked beans, French fries, mustard, relish, catsup, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, January 9th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & creamy dressing, chilled fruit cup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, January 10th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned mixed vegetables, wheat bread & butter, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, January 11th: Veal patty with parmesan cheese & tomato sauce, bread & butter, creamy cabbage & carrot slaw, peach macaron, milk.

Friday, January 12th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven-baked potato, chilled peaches or vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

Notice To Parents Of High School Students

Please be advised that warning notices were issued on Thursday, December 21, 1995 to students at Agawam High School.

If you should have any questions regarding your son/daughter's warning notice, please consult his/her guidance counselor at 789-1400, ext. 418.

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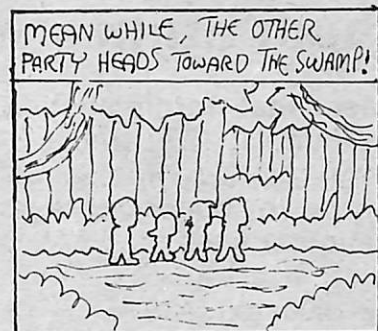
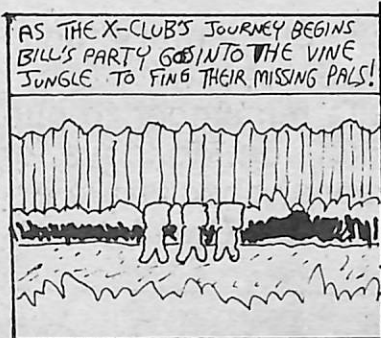
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Granger School Holds Annual Christmas Bazaar



GRANGER SCHOOL helped students with their holiday buying on December 13th with the school's annual bazaar. From left - Keith Barrington, Katelyn LaValley, Andrew Wakelee, PTO member Cheryl Panek, PTO member Allison Kulaga, Daniel Normandeau, Kristen Laliberte, and Jessica Lalli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

THE X-CLUB BY JOHN ONANT



TO BE CONTINUED...

Jason Rossi Receives Interest From Several Colleges After Fine Prep Season

Jason Rossi of Agawam has attracted interest from several colleges after helping Worcester Academy to its first undefeated football season in eight years.

Rossi, who is 6'2" and weighs 313 pounds, anchored the Hilltoppers' offensive line as center during their 9-0 season, said Brendan Smith, head football coach at Worcester Academy.

Rossi was an All-Western Mass lineman at Agawam High School.

Smith said several colleges, including Hofstra, Colgate, Fordham, and Northeastern Universities and the University of New Hampshire, have expressed an interest in Rossi.

Rossi and his family live at 44 Parker Street, Agawam.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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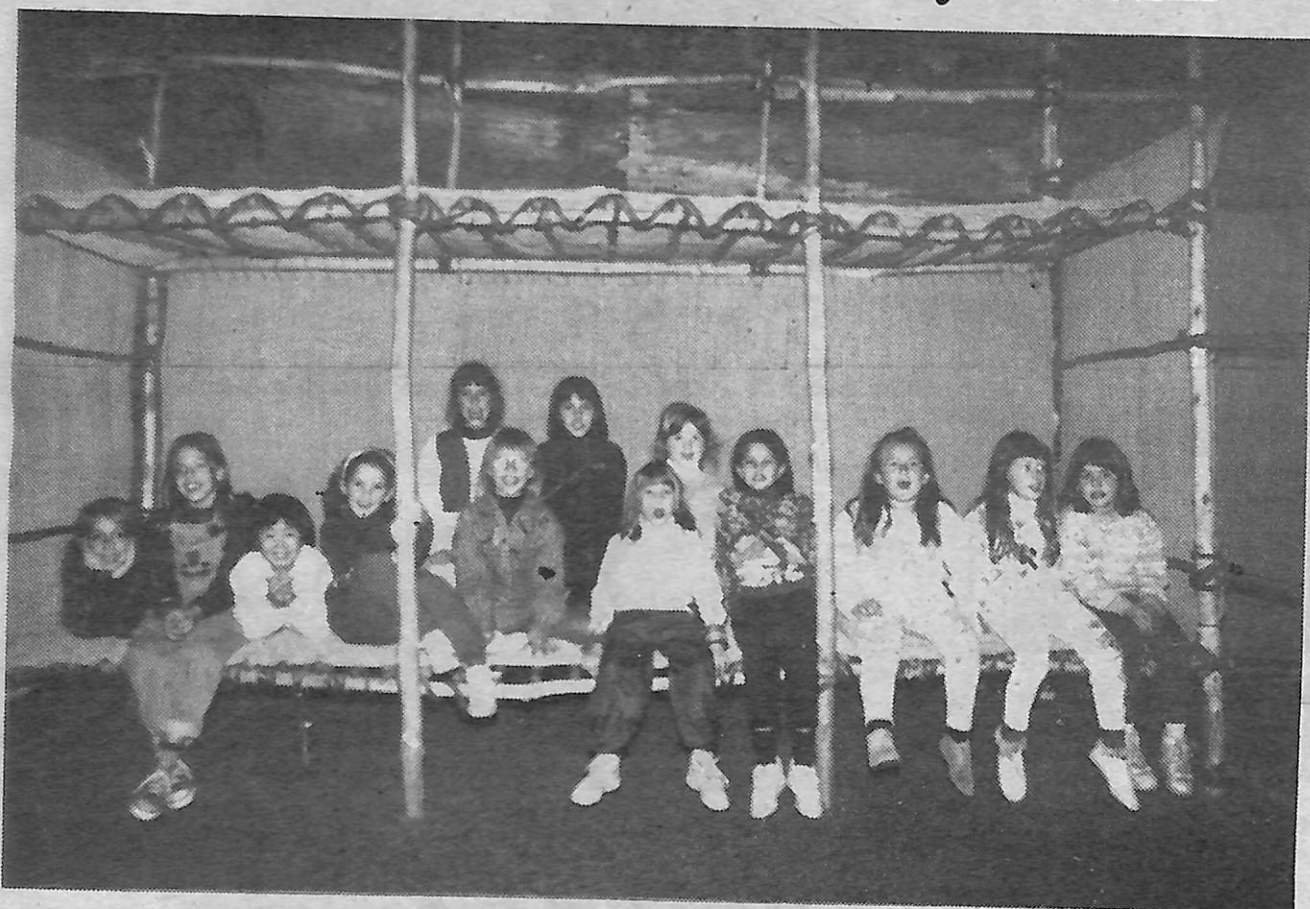
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"A Rainbow Christmas" At Robinson Park



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS at Robinson Park School performed "A Rainbow Christmas" at the school on December 13th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Phelps Brownies Visit Albany Museum



PHELPS BROWNIE TROOP 587 sit in a lifesize replica of an Indian Longhouse on their visit to a museum in Albany, New York. Back row - Stephanie Midura, Lauren Davis, and Heather Moffatt. Front row - Danyel Morace, Julie Worchol, Kyo Fujioka, Jackie Van Eten, Allison Ziemba, Kailin Szymanski, Christina Davis, Heather Morace, Shelley Shively, and Jennifer Bessette.



AHS's Calendar Of Events For January

January 6th: "Dia de os Reyes" in all Spanish classes - "Epiphanie" in all French classes.

January 9th: Western Mass. Math League Meet - East Longmeadow High School.

January 25th: Winter Top 40 Show.

GUIDANCE:

• ** College applications due in Guidance Office.

Bay Path College Recognizes Employees

Two local residents were recognized for landmark years of service as Bay Path College employees during the annual faculty and staff holiday party on December 21st. President Carol A. Leary said, "I know I speak on behalf of all of us at the college in thanking these women for their loyalty and commitment." Each received a gift from the college.

Saluted for 15 years of service was **Carol Dunlop** of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, coordinator of continuing education at the college. **Joyce Becker** of Beekman Drive, Agawam, the college's rental facilities manager, was honored for her five years of service.

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Among those who attained the Dean's List at the university were **Christopher Hayes** of 38 Chestnut Lane, Agawam, and **Dominic Maloni** of 32 Losito Lane, Agawam. Both of these students are majoring in Culinary Arts.

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Perry Lane Nursery School To Hold Open House & Registration

Perry Lane Nursery School will hold an Open House on Thursday, January 18, 1996 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Perry Lane (snow date: Monday, January 22nd).

Registration for the 1996-97 school year will be held in the Recreation Office on Tuesday, January 23, 1996 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (snow date: Thursday, January 25th). Registration is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children who are three years-old as of September 30, 1996 are eligible for the two-day per week program. Children who are four years-old as of September 30, 1996 are eligible for the three-day per week program.

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

The Children's Center Receives Sleigh Ride



PARENTS AND CHILDREN at The Children's Center recently made a visit to Glen Gary Christmas Tree Farm on Shoemaker Lane to take a sleigh ride and see all the Christmas trees on sale at the farm. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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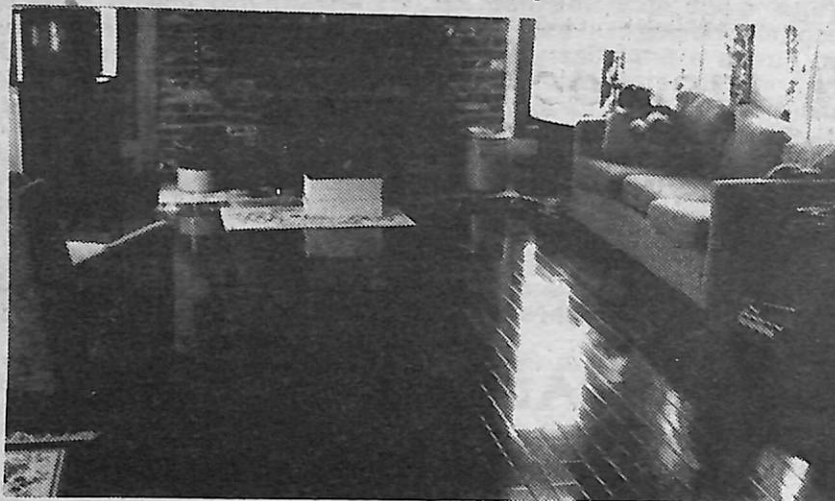
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Sports

AHS Wrestlers Settle For Second Place At Holiday Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"There is no doubt about it. We're a marked team. Everyone we meet is out to knock us off."

Those were the words of Agawam High wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel after the recent Agawam Holiday Wrestling Tournament held at the Brownies' Kibbe Gymnasium.

The villain in this one was Quabbin Regional High School, a Division II power. They defeated nine-time defending Division I Western Mass. champs AHS, 131-124 to claim first place in the prestigious event. Tomkiel's crew placed second, followed by Central, Ludlow, Longmeadow, Putnam, and East Longmeadow.

But the story here was Quabbin and AHS. In the Milford Tournament in Eastern Mass. a few weeks ago, AHS and Quabbin finished one and two, respectively. Both of these teams went to the limit in the Agawam tournament. No prisoners were taken.

As he has so many times, AHS sophomore **Kevin McKay** started it off in the 103-pound division. He pinned a Central wrestler at 1:45 of the first period. McKay is a unique athlete (he also plays baseball). Last season he weighed only 88 pounds and he would still work out with last year's huge heavyweight grappler, 280-pound **Mike Poth**.

McKay wrestled in the Baystate Games this past summer. He's gained weight and height. Tomkiel explained it this way - "Kevin has been in the weight room. He has bulked up. It's almost impossible to think he could be any tougher than last year, but he is."

Agawam's **Chris Chechile** lost his match in the 125-pound class to Quabbin's Ryan Schoolcraft, 14-5. What no one knew was that Chechile was in the hospital for most of the day after he suffered bruised ribs in a preliminary round contest. He showed up for the championship at night.

Tomkiel told us, "Our trainers said he could wrestle. Chris is one of those kids who has no quit in him. He was dominating the first two periods but because of the injury, he just ran out of gas in the third period."

The 130-pound battle went the full six minutes. It pitted AHS sophomore **Ryan Grealis** against Quabbin's Issac Latulipe. Grealis had his hands full against a very strong opponent and lost, 10-2.

Elks Slate Annual Kids' Hoop Shoot

The West Springfield/Agawam Lodge No. 2174 Elks Hoop Shoot will be held at the West Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club on Saturday, January 6th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Contestants' age groups will be determined by their ages as of April 1, 1996. There will be two Divisions (Boys & Girls), and three categories in each Division:

Boys 8-9; Boys 10-11; Boys 12-13; Girls 8-9; Girls 10-11; Girls 12-13.

Contestants must be eight years-old as of April 1, 1996.

The National Final will be held May 3rd-5th at the Springfield Civic Center.

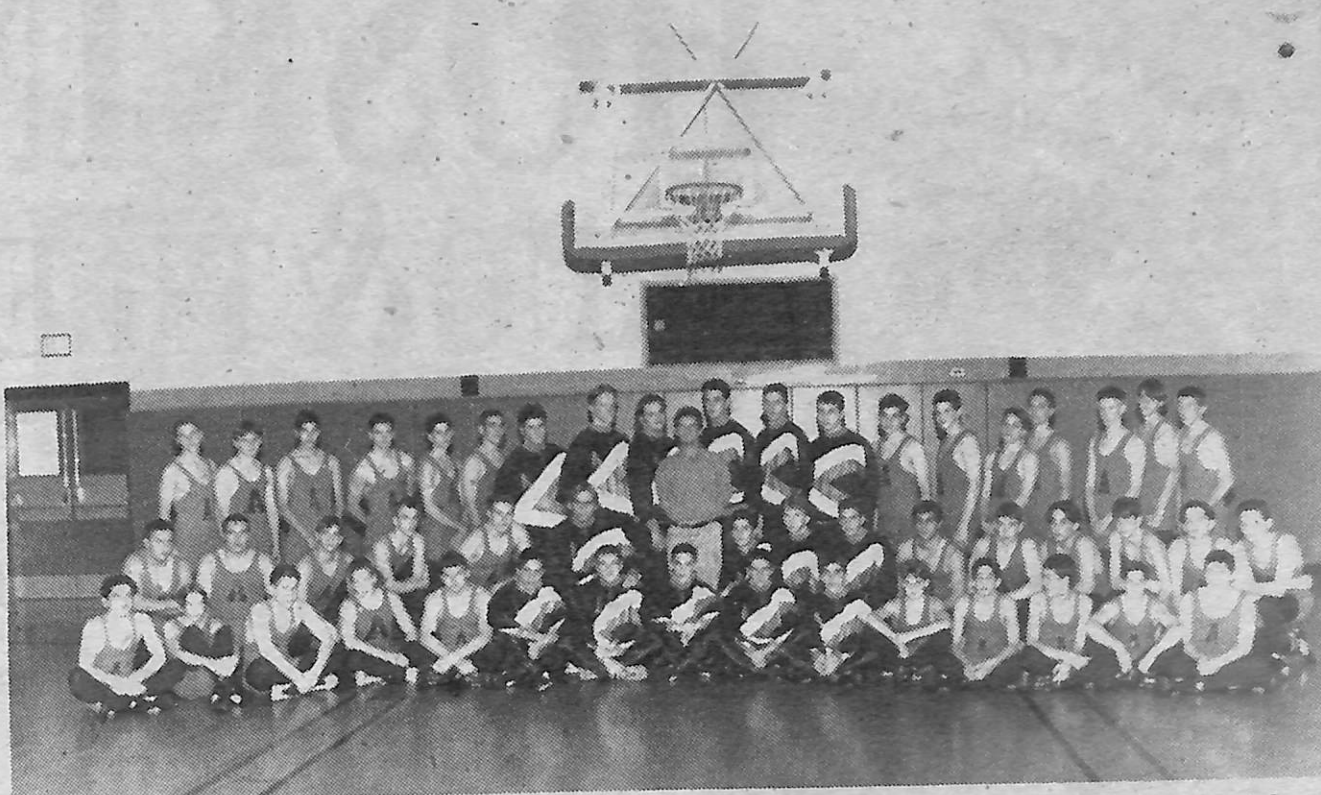
For more information, contact Wayne Venette at 737-2103.

Daggett National At Springfield College On January 6th & 7th

January 6th and 7th are the dates of New England's premiere two-day gymnastics meet at the Springfield College Arena: the Tim Daggett National Invitational.

This will be the first meet of its kind of the 1996 Olympic Year, and will feature top athletes from around the country (with men's competition ranging from levels six through Elite). It will also be a Qualifying Meet in all divisions for the 1996 Winter Cup Challenge.

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COACHES AND MEMBERS of the 1995-1996 Agawam High School wrestling team take time out for a pre-season photo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jason Jean pinned his man (Davis Cruz of Central) in the 140-pound division at the 3:45 mark. "Jason isn't flamboyant. He's a blue collar wrestler. He comes out and just goes to work," said Tomkiel.

One of the feature matches was the 152-pound class that pitted All-Western Mass. champ Bill Poole of Quabbin vs. **Jeff Blews** of AHS. Blews was pinned in the second period on a beautiful double reversal. "Jeff is new to the program. He's only been on the mat for a month. He is only a junior and that match gave him lots of experience," said Tomkiel.

Then the matches that everyone were waiting for came up. Agawam's great All-State champ, **Andrew Ingham**, was up in the 171-pound class. He would wrestle Dan Medford of Quabbin. Medford is as tough, talented, and as determined as Ingham. Medford defeated Ingham in the Milford Tournament.

It was a savage battle. Ingham won it, 7-5. "I was so motivated in this one," Ingham would say afterwards. "He (Medford) is so tough. I had to show everyone that I could beat him."

The second feature match took shape when 189-pound AHS senior **Jon Jacobsen**, another All-State champ from last year, stepped to the mat.

He wrestled Quabbin's Mark Toto. This one was no contest and Jacobsen rode Toto all over the mat and finally pinned him at 1:25 of the first period.

The pivotal match was in the heavyweight division with Agawam's outstanding football star, **Derek Parker**, pitted against Central's Torrell White.

White is a fine wrestler with strong technical skills. Parker is an all-or-nothing type but according to Tomkiel, he came to the tournament weakened due to illness. "None of us knew Derek was wrestling with pneumonia. He told us later that when he got out of bed in the morning he was so weak he hardly made it to the kitchen to get some orange juice."

White got the best of Parker in this one and Quabbin took home the trophy.

Tomkiel wasn't disappointed. "The motivation of these kids is something special. These kids refuse to lose. That word (lose) isn't in their vocabulary," said the coach.

The Brownies were supposed to resume their Western Mass. meet schedule on Wednesday, January 3rd, vs. West Springfield, but the snow day cancelled that one at presstime.

AHS 1995-'96 Winter Coaches & Captains



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Kathleen McSweeney (kneeling, center) is pictured with the school's 1995-96 winter sports coaches and captains in Clifford Kibbe Gymnasium. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Girls Again Head To The Slopes With Strong Team

by Dave Rollins
News Editor

Skiing is a very esoteric sport, like field hockey. One main difference between the two is where you play it. Field hockey is played on beautiful green fields out behind the high school.

Skiing is held in places that Rudyard Kipling (in his classic poem *Danny Dever*) would have said, "They are out and far." Because they are exactly that.

Skiing is tremendously expensive. You need to listen to this. It's from Agawam High girls' ski Coach Jim Graveline. Here's what you have to put up front just to go down a mountain as an amateur.

Here is what he said. I skied myself. He is right. "You have to plan on spending \$500 to \$600 for a pair of racing skis."

Then come the boots. "They'll go for \$300 to \$500."

What about bindings? I had LOOK/NEVADAS when I was young because that's what Jean-Claude Killey skied with. I tried to ski like him. And I loved the raised toe-piece. They just seemed to fit my Kastinger boots. And about boots—they will cost you from \$300 to \$500.

Now about the team. The coach explained it all. "There are only two disciplines in high school skiing—Slalom and Giant Slalom." They usually race on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

A "Very Challenging" Place

"This place is very challenging for a G.S. and Slalom skier. It is almost straight down." Then he added, "We get good crowds up there. We also have a bunch of skiers who have good attitudes."

"Here are the significant players in our program," he said. "Meghan Moriarty is a tremendous downhiller. She's a senior captain. She has a great ability to stay focused. She works so hard. She is fearless. And her qualities spill over to the other members of our team."

"We also have junior Kelly Grover and junior Jill Pavelcsyk. They are both outstanding G.S. and Slalom skiers. Kelly came to us as a sophomore. She was a very strong skier then. Jill was equally strong. The thing that worried us was the fact that even though she could ski well, she wasn't a competitive skier. It didn't take her long to convince us that she was a competitor."

The coach went on. "We have Jill Bulat. Remember now, I'm talking about sophomores here. Jill made it to the states last year. We have Jen Quigley. We have Gina Markowski. We have Jessica Ferris. Every one of them is talented."

"We are going to be so competitive this year. How about these people? We have a girl from Switzerland, exchange student Brigitte Blum. Skiing is a way of life there. We have a sophomore, Angela Tassinari, who could be a force."

Then the coach stated, "We are going to very good." He concluded by saying, "The Brownies, over the past few years, have been a strong B Division team, and this year will be no different."

Check our classified...

Brownie Hockey Goes Into '96 With Upbeat Attitude After 5 Games

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High hockey Coach Fran Pycko, who comes up with some of the best quotes of anyone, put it best when he talked about his team's performance over the Christmas break.

"One of the most intriguing things about high school athletics is how consistent the kids are at being inconsistent," he laughed.

The coach had a good reason for making that statement. The team, at presstime, is 2-3. The locals got blown out of the water, 11-2 on December 16th by last year's Fay Division champs, Ludlow. The Brownies then turned around and walloped Central, 7-0.

"Central isn't exactly the Boston Bruins," Pycko admitted. "But on that afternoon, we played like a bunch of pros."

The next game, the Brownies were burned by Minnechaug Regional, 9-4. "You explain it me," Pycko said afterwards.

Big Comeback Vs. South Hadley

Then to finish off this strange holiday break, the locals faced undefeated South Hadley at the Olympia in West Springfield. The Tigers were on the run at that time, leading the Fay Division with a perfect 3-0 record.

It was 3-1, South Hadley, when the third period began. "We have no natural scorers like most of the top teams have," the coach told us. "But in this game, we played like no other Agawam hockey team has played in a long time. The kids just went out and took care of business. I didn't have to go out and coach as much as I usually do. It was a joy watching them."

The Brownies would explode for six goals in period three and shock the Tigers, 7-3.

In the next game vs. East Longmeadow, the Brownies again turned inconsistent and lost, 7-1.

Scoring for the Brownies in that rousing comeback win over South Hadley were sophomore defenseman Rick Feely, defenseman Austin Kimball, transfer student Dave Campbell (a forward), defender Geoff Ciak, and defender Trevor Brown.

Pycko did some switching around. "Trevor is now a forward and so is Rick Feely. They both played defense for us last year. They are tough kids. There are no cheap shots with them. They go into the corner and in a crowd and come up with the puck."

The coach also praised Campbell, who is a

goal-scorer waiting to break out. "Dave has been playing well but he hasn't been scoring the way we'd like him to. What he's doing now, and I've seen it happen to so many hockey players, including myself, is press. He wants to score so much to help the team it's causing him to get off his game. You have to be patient with him and let him find his game."

Playing With Two Main Lines

Then Pycko went on to talk about more of his offense. "We've scaled down the team this season. We have only two lines and both of them are equal."

One of the lines is centered by Campbell. He is flanked by senior Keith Daubmann and Feely. The other line consists of Brian Silk, Steve Gallant, and Joe Dupelle.

The coach was worried that the team wouldn't score all that much this season. But the different combinations seems to have worked. The team has scored 21 goals in five games so far, and that's not bad at all.

On defense, sophomores Geoff Ciak and Kimball are learning all the time. "Ciak is the best skater I've seen in years. He does what all good defensemen have to do. He can stop and go. He can skate backwards better than some forwards can skate straight ahead. He sees the entire play in front of him," said Pycko.

On Kimball, Pycko said, "Austin is very powerful. He also has the classic shot from the point for a defenseman. It's low and hard. It's a tough shot for goalies to deal with."

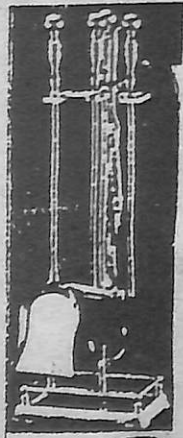
One of the anchors of the defense, of course, is goalie Derek Benton. He has played just about every minute he could play this year. "Derek is very talented and he needs to be pushed," said Pycko.

This team has learned something from last season. "So far, we are doing a lot more things right this year. We aren't going out and expending our energy in the first 10 minutes and then running out of gas. We've calmed down and have learned when it's time to be physical," said Pycko.

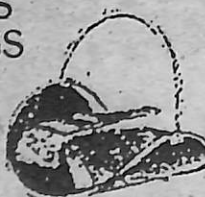
At presstime, the Brownies are slated to face arch-rival West Springfield in a Berry Division contest. Pycko told us, "This is one game you won't want to miss."

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Ag. Youth Warrior Cheerleaders Enjoy Another Banner Season

Congratulations to the Agawam Youth Senior Warrior cheerleaders on a great season. This group of dedicated young athletes has gone above and beyond any expectations and consistently improved in every facet of cheerleading. Their hard work and determination have certainly paid off. Agawam is lucky to be represented by such wonderful young ladies!

We would sincerely like to thank our families and friends for all their support and encouragement. Also, a very special thanks to the awesome Agawam Senior Youth football team and coaches. You were a pleasure to cheer for this season, and a super football team—number-one Division Champs!

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Phone registrations will *not* be accepted. All fees are required at the time of registration and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. Release forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian for all youth programs.

ADULT

AEROBICS: Intermediate, low-impact workout includes toning and stretching. The eight-week program instructed by Karen Wilson-Mickey begins January 8th at the AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL. Participants must supply their own mats.

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; \$50 (eight weeks) or \$3/night.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Competitive program begins January 11th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Thursday: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; \$20.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: "Fun" recreational program begins January 8th and runs for eight weeks at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Monday: 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.; \$20.

DROP-IN BASKETBALL: Supervised drop-in basketball program runs through the end of March at the AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL for RESIDENTS ONLY. I.D. cards can be picked up at the Recreation Office.

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ARTS/CRRAFTS: Instructor Karla Mancini Young will offer a variety of craft workshops this winter. For more information call the Recreation Office.

RECREATIONAL SWIM: Public swim will be held at the AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL throughout the school year.

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TIM DAGGETT GOLD GYMNASSTIC COACH JOE SAIMERI with Level Five and Six girls who competed in the USA Gymnastics State Championships. In left photo (kneeling) - Brionne Lancour, Noelle Marquez. Standing - Karen Christofferson, Paula Ballentine, Andres Babbini, Lissa Bramley, and Sara Tremblay. In photo right - Mary Kate Zajac, Jan Carlson, Katie Farley, and Leigha Hancock. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Cub Pack 75 Visits Basketball Hall Of Fame



CUB SCOUT FROM PACK 78 recently paid a visit to the Basketball Hall of Fame and are pictured with some very famous NBA players. Scouts in photo are Christopher Philips, Andrew Kretschmar, Joseph McDyer, Joseph Reutt, John Lennon, Donald Manley, and Andrew Drozdal.

AHS's Freshmen Hoopsters Ready For Action



THE MEMBERS OF Agawam High School's freshmen boys' basketball team. Back row: Assistant Coach Dan Pryce, Mike Buoniconti, Matt Albano, Bob Welch, Dave Strole, Marc Pedraza, Galen Sprague, and Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. Front row: Dave Federico, Chris Rousseau, Dave Gallerani, Peter Bitzas, and Aaron Skowrya. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Daggett Girls Score Big At State Tournament

The Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Girls' Team, Levels Five and Six, competed recently in the USA Gymnastics State Championships. Eleven girls competed, bringing home both team and individual awards.

At Level Five (age 7 to 8 group) was Jan Carlson (All-around 31.05), who brought home a Third Place in the Vault. In the age 9-10 group, Katie Farley brought home a 10th place award and a 33.15 All-around.

Leigha Hancock was First on Bars with her 9.05, and had an All-around of 32.1. Mary Kate Zajac was the proud winner of three awards: Ninth All-around (33.875), Eighth on Vault (8.4), and Fourth on Floor (9.025).

At Level Six, the team won the Second Place banner. Noelle Marquez (age 7-8 group) was State Champion (33.75 All-around) and won Firsts in Vault, Bars and Beam, and a Third on Floor.

In the age 10-11 group, Brionne Lancour won Eighth Place in both Vault (8.85) and Bars; Seventh Place (8.6) on Beam; and 10th Place (8.85) on Floor. Andrea Babbini won the All-around 10th Place (34.0) and was Sixth on Floor (8.9) and First on Vault (9.2).

Karen Christofferson won Fifth Place in both Vault (8.95) and Floor (8.95). Lissa Bramley scored a solid 32.6 to support the team cause, and was followed by Paula Ballentine with her 31.45.

In the age 12-13 group, Sara Tremblay was proud to bring home two awards: a 10th Place (8.65) on Floor and a Ninth Place (8.45) on Vault.

These girls are to be congratulated on their superior athleticism and poise in what was for many their first major competition. The quality of their achievements is a direct result of their hard practice, the support of their parents, and the professional coaching staff at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics.

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AFTER SCHOOL SKATE: Monthly after school skate specials. Watch for detailed flyers through the schools.

Wednesday: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., January 31st;

Wednesday: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., March 6th.

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Session 1: January 21st through February 11th (four-week session). Session 2: March 3rd through March 31st (four-week session).

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INFORMATION NUMBERS

Agawam Athletic Association - Bob Hersey, 786-2979.

Agawam Soccer Association - Denny Marr, 789-2796.

Baywest Hockey Association - Pat Johnson, 733-9243.

Fitness Director To Speak At Ag. Library

The Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St. in Agawam, announces that Rick Hersom of the Fitness First Health and Fitness Center of Feeding Hills will speak on Wednesday, January 17, 1996 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the library's community room.

The topic of Mr. Hersom's speech will be "The Benefits of Exercise and the Components of a Good Exercise Program."

Anyone interested in registering for the speech can stop by the library or call 789-1550.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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Fishing Seminars In N.H.

The Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, New Hampshire, has announced its fourth annual series of fishing seminars, FISH '96, to take place Thursday evenings in January of 1996.

January 4th: Fishing the Cape ... the Canal, the Ponds, and the Surf. Jack Fallon, nationally known writer for *Field and Stream*.

January 11th: Fly Fishing for Bass ... in Fresh and Salt Water. Pat Jackson of the L.L. Bean Fly Fishing School.

January 18th: Fishing Great Bay. "Mac" McGranahan, columnist for Northeast Woods and Water.

January 25th: Ultra Light Spin-Fishing. Clarke Davis, editor of *The Fishermen's Resource Guide*.

In addition, the Library will present continuous fishing videos on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Image Gallery (located at the Nashua Public Library).

Since FISH '93, '94, and '95 were the most successful series of programs ever offered in the Library's 20 years at this site, FISH '96 exhibits will be expanded and will remain on display for two months, with continuous restocking of fishing catalogs and sample copies of fishing publications until supplies are exhausted.

Free fishing and boating catalogs and free samples of fishing and boating publications will be available at each seminar. The Library is also offering for \$5 a much-enlarged version of its Fishermen's Resource Guide, a publication which lists several hundred of the best books on fishing, boating, and related subjects. Included will be names and addresses of fishing and conservation organizations, tackle manufacturers and fishing tackle shops through New England, fishing and outdoor magazines, fishing programs on radio and television, mail order catalogs, and a list of forthcoming major fishing and outdoor shows in the New England area.

Never before has all this information been compiled in a single publication! The publication will be featured in the January '96 issue of *Field and Stream* and has already been cited in many New England area newspapers.

The Fishermen's Resource Guide is available for \$5 at the seminars or by mail by writing to the Nashua Public Library, 03060. Since 90 percent of the books on fishing are out of print, this guide will prove to be an exceptionally useful directory of fishing information available in our nation's libraries.

Outdoor Enthusiasts Hit Information Highway

Traditionally, hunters and anglers have been more at home in the woods and on the water than in the nether regions of cyberspace. All that has changed, however, with the opening of ALL OUTDOORS, an Internet haven for the outdoor enthusiast.

Charlie Janis, ALL OUTDOORS president, said, "Our idea was to create a complete environment where sportsmen could find everything they needed." The visitor to ALL OUTDOORS will indeed find a wide variety of resources:

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A virtual mall where top outdoors suppliers like Daiwa and Orvis offer in-depth information about their products and how to use them.

Visiting ALL OUTDOORS is an impressive experience, but according to Janis it's only the beginning. "Library articles are pouring in faster than we can put them up. We have many major suppliers and publications coming on board. And we're developing features we'll be debuting later this year that we're all very excited about."

ALL OUTDOORS can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.alloutdoors.com>.

Abu Garcia Offers

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration, Abu Garcia is offering a free Pro Fishing Team Bag to anglers who purchase a new SM or S Series bait-casting reel or new Cardinal 1300 Series spinning reel between January 1, 1996 and July 31, 1996.

Special Abu Garcia mail-in coupons will be available at retailers for use with the appropriate Cardinal and Ambassador reels. To receive the bag, all the angler has to do is send in the completed mail-in coupon with UPC code from the reel box, original dated cash register receipt, and \$4.95 postage and handling.

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Agawam Little League Holds Sign-Ups



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE began signing-up players for the 1996 spring/summer season on Saturday, December 16th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Standing - Jim Donovan, Vinnie Moretti, Anthony Moretti, and Terry Yacovone. Seated - Tom Zajdel, Joanne Menard, and Bruce Bussiere. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam AA Piranhas Score Big Win Over Quabbin Reservoir

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team soundly defeated the Quabbin Reservoir team by a score of 566-198 on December 16, 1995 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Megan Lalli, Sarah Long, Julie Wills, and Sarah Roos placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Tammy Gorman, Rebecca Lewin, Caitlin Hurley, and Julie Gorman placed second.

The team of Jessica Lalli, Leeann Morytko, Johannah Kos, and Julie Gorman placed first in the 100-yard medley relay; and the team of Tammy Gorman, Caitlin Hurley, Rebecca Lewin, and Sarah Roos placed third.

Jessica Lalli, first, and Leeann Morytko, second in 25-yard freestyle; Johannah Kos, first in 25-yard butterfly; Leeann Morytko, second, and Julie Wills, third in 50-yard freestyle; Jessica Lalli, first, Tammy Gorman, second, and Julie Gorman, third in 25-yard backstroke; Johannah Kos, first, and Sarah Roos, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Connor Dooley, Adam Deliefde, Brian Freeman, and Matthew Weir placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Shaun Bruso, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and James Lewin placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Jeffrey Lagasse, second, and Benjamin Bruso, third in 100-yard individual medley; James Lewin, first, Matthew Weir, second, and Phillip Boglisch, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Shaun Bruso, second in 25-yard butterfly; Matthew Weir, second, and Phillip Boglisch, third in 50-yard freestyle; James Lewin, first, Shaun Bruso, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 25-yard backstroke; Benjamin Bruso, first, Adam Deliefde, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

The team of Kristyn Ward, Jenine Davignon, Irena Klimczak, and Leigh Stepanian placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The team Allison Morris, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Leigh Stepanian, Jenine Davignon, Brittany Theriaque, and Kristyn Ward placed second.

Bethany Reid, first, and Brittany Theriaque, second in 100-yard individual medley; Katie Gorman, first, and Allison Morris, second in 50-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first, and Brittany Theriaque, second in 50-yard butterfly; Katie Gorman, first, and Irena Klimczak, third in 100-yard freestyle; Jillian Kos, first, Leigh Stepanian, second, and Irena Klimczak, third in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Allison Morris, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

The team of Tom Gorman, Laurence Rocke, Paul Lagasse, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Paul Lagasse, first in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, Laurence Rocke, second, and Michael Lalli, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, and Laurence Rocke, third in 100-yard freestyle; Tom Gorman, first, and

Michael Lalli, second in 50-yard backstroke; Tom Gorman, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

The team of Kyleigh Egan, Rachel Morris, Amanda Boissonnea, and Heather Scarlett placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Lisa Niedziela, Ashley King, Kaitlin Morris, and Rebecca Morytko placed second.

The team of Christina O'Brien, Heather Scarlett, Hilary Golas, and Rachel Morris placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Christina Climo, Amanda Boissonnea, Kyleigh Egan, and Rebecca Morytko placed second.

Christina O'Brien, first in 200-yard individual medley; Christina Climo, first, and Lisa Niedziela, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kyleigh Egan, first, Amanda Boissonnea, second, and Lisa Niedziela, third in 50-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Rachel Morris, second in 50-yard butterfly; Hilary Golas, first, Christina Climo, second, and Rebecca Morytko, third in 100-yard freestyle; Christina O'Brien, first in 50-yard backstroke; Heather Scarlett, first, and Ashley King, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Joshua Lewin, first in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first in 50-yard butterfly; Nathan Adamski, first in 50-yard backstroke; Joshua Lewin, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Shaunessy Egan, Allison Pisano, Melissa Sparver, and Shannon Costa placed first; the team of Katherine Chmura, Jennifer Reid, Hilary King, and Sarah Nacewicz placed second; and the team of Elizabeth Dowd, Erika Dowd, Lauren Kunkler, and Katie Gallagher placed third.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Brenna McGinn, Jennifer Reid, Shaunessy Egan, and Shannon Costa placed first; and the team of Katherine Chmura, Melissa Sparver, Allison Pisano, and Sarah Nacewicz placed second.

Katherine Chmura, first in 200-yard individual medley; Brenna McGinn, first, Katie Gallagher, second, and Elizabeth Dowd, third in 200-yard freestyle; Allison Pisano, first, Hilary King, second, and Katie Gallagher, third in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, first, Sarah Nacewicz, second, and Hilary King, third in 100-yard freestyle; Shaunessy Egan, first, Brenna McGinn, second, and Erika Dowd, third in 100-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, Melissa Sparver, second, and Lauren Kunkler, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Boys 13-14:

The team of Thomas Casiello, Matthew Francis, Thomas Graveline, and Joel Ward placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Thomas Casiello, first in 200-yard individual medley; Thomas Graveline, first in 200-yard freestyle; Joel Ward, first, and Matthew Francis, third in 50-yard freestyle; Joel Ward, first, and Matthew Francis, third in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Graveline, first in 100-yard backstroke; Thomas Casiello, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

Girls 15-18:

Kelly Robinson, first in 50-yard freestyle; Kelly Robinson, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

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U-10 BOYS	W L T P
* Agawam/Oleksak	7 0 0 14
* Agawam/Perry	6 1 0 12
Westfield	3 4 0 6
East Longmeadow	1 6 0 2
Big E's Eagles	1 6 0 2

U-14 BOYS	W L T P
* Sporting Juniors	7 0 0 14
* Berzerkers	5 1 1 11
* Blue Devils	4 2 1 9
* Revolution	3 4 0 6
Agawam/Intown	2 5 0 4
Tube Products	1 5 0 2
Southampton	1 6 0 2

U-14 GIRLS	W L T P
Northampton/Devils	4 1 0 8
Agawam/Dynamos	3 1 0 6
South Hadley	2 3 0 4
Gateway	0 4 0 0

U-17 BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION	W L T P
* Agawam Seniors	7 0 0 14
* Agawam Juniors	6 1 0 12
* Holyoke S.C. Green	4 3 0 8
* Agawam Intown	3 4 0 6
Holyoke S.C. Gray	2 5 0 4
Milne El Fuego	2 5 0 4
Westfield/Bombers	0 7 0 0

* - Teams making the playoffs

Tri-Parish Bowlers Go Into Holidays With High Scores On Agawam Lanes

Those famous, high-flying, and fun-filled Tri-Parish Bowlers at the Agawam Bowl every Monday night finished off the December schedule with a match on December 18th.

In continuing the Round Two slate, St. Anselm (14 wins) holds first place followed by second place Boston College (13 wins).

In its match vs. Holy Cross (8th place/4 wins), St. A's made it a clean sweep as LOU NAPOLITAN (224), DORIS FORTIER (249), YVONNE CHARTIER (293), and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER (399, what a night for Lou) led the scoring parade. "Luscious Lou" watched his average balloon to 109.28 as he defeated HC anchorage SUE GRIFFIN (281, 100.23 in Women's AA).

For the winners, Lou Napolitan is at 84.8 in Men's C; Doris Fortier is third in Women's B at 87.32; and Yvonne C. is still tops in Women's AA at 106.11 (and she is the overall women's leader as well).

Boston College kept pace with St. A's after defeating ninth place Georgetown (3 wins). BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (283, 86.19 in Men's C), third roller LARRY FORTIER (308, 95.4 in Men's A), and Captain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (326, 103.14 in Men's AA). "Jungle" Jim took great pleasure in defeating G-Town Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (303, 104.33 in Open Class) because Debbie has played a tune on his head over the years in this league.

The only winner for G-Town was BILL ALDRICH (311, 91.9 in Men's B).

In the next match, St. Mary's (5th place/9½ wins) faced sixth place Catholic University (9 wins). It was an even split in this one as St. Mary's winners were FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (311) and

Captain JOHN LONCRINI, a 310-302 victor over BILL GRIFFIN. CU winners were leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (262) and second roller MARY THOMAS, who fired a nifty 318.

For St. Mary's, Frankie is first in Men's A at 99.5 and Captain John is fifth in Men's AA at 97.23. For CU, Tammy V. is at 73.11 in Women's C and Mary Thomas lifted her average to 98.28 in Women's A. Bill Griffin is at 99.20 in Men's AA.

In the next match, Fordham (7th place/5 wins) faced St. Louis (3rd place/10 wins). Two of Fordham's rollers were really on as third roller TERRY CERPOVICZ fired a huge 332 (91.32 in Women's A) and the league's top dog, "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, launched a 368 to maintain his edge over his brother, LUSCIOUS LOU (110.21 to 109.28). St. Lou Captain GLEN ADAMS (320, 106.35 in Men's AA) thought he was having a pretty good night but was still waxed by 48 pins by "Jollie" Ollie. Also for Fordham, second roller CORI NAPOLITAN won her match, 299-293 over KIM LACROIX. Cori rolls at a 95.37 pace in Women's A.

The only winner for St. Lou was leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (273, 84.22 in Women's G).

In the final match of the night, last place St. Michael (2½ wins) faced fourth place Notre Dame (10 wins). Winners for St. Mike's were leadoff JAY LAGODITZ (283, 86.8 in Women's B) and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (261, 92.2 in Women's A).

Winning for ND were third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (301, 98.34 in Men's A), and Captain FLO ROCHFORD, 313-284 over JEAN BUCNICONTI. FLO is at 105.29 in Women's AA and Jean is at 94.2 in the same class.

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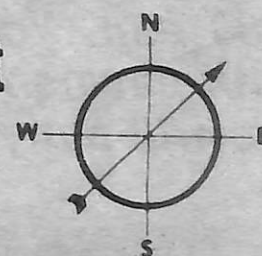
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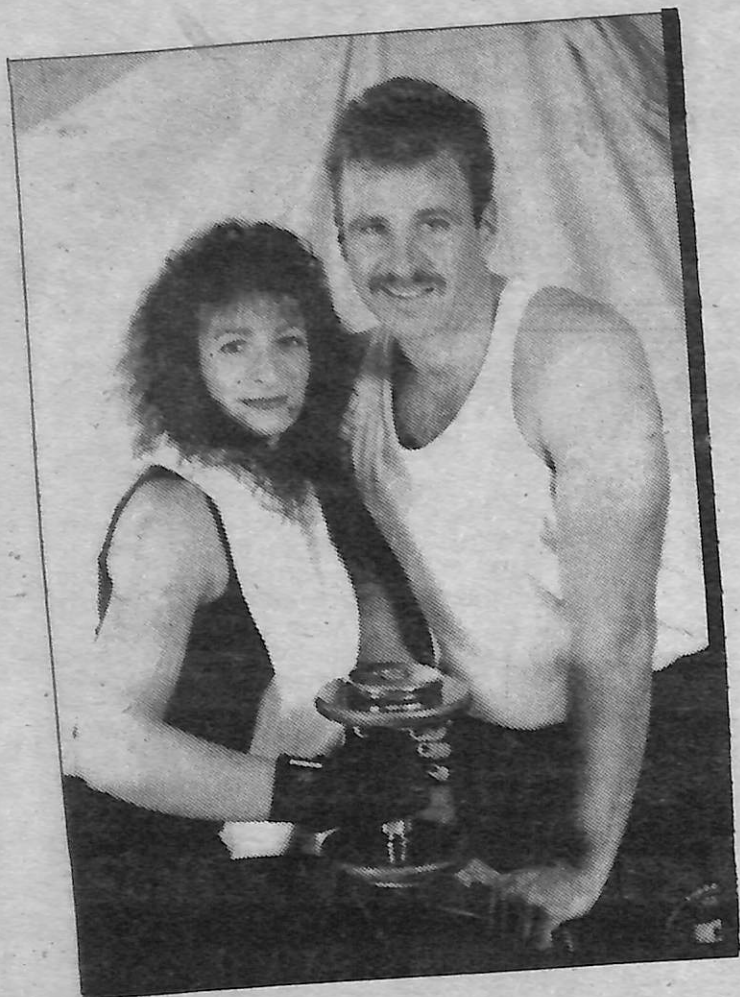
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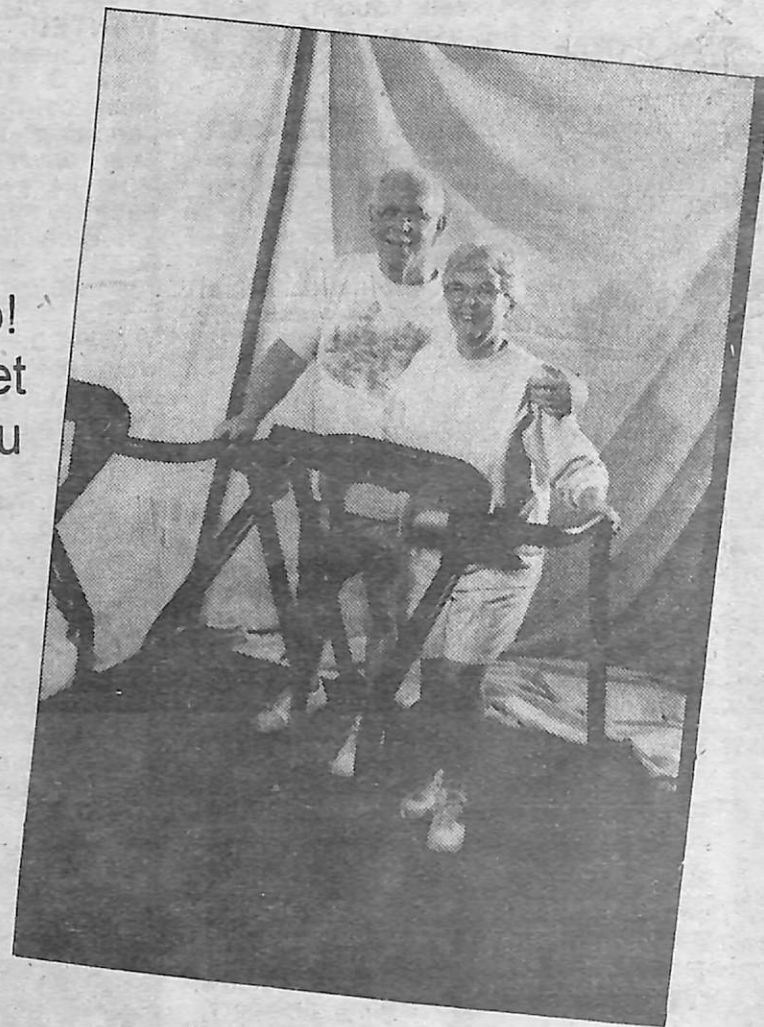
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